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# Pilots Face Discipline In Italy Ski-Lift Deaths

U.S. Military Inquiry to Urge Punishment, Possibly a First Hearing for Court-Martial

By Bradley Graham Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Military investigators have blamed the four-man crew of a U.S. Marine jet for flying the aircraft too low and too fast when it severed a cable-car wire and sent 20 people plummeting to their deaths in Italy last month, defense officials said Wednesday.

In a report due for release Thursday. the investigators recommended punitive action against the crew members of the EA-6B Prowler surveillance jet.

That could include an Article 32 hearing, which would be a preliminary acnon in the event of a court-martial, The Associated Press reported.

The results were to be announced Thursday at the U.S. air base in Aviano, Italy, by Major General Michael De-Long, president of the accident investigation board and deputy commander of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Atlantic, based in Norfolk, Virginia.
The investigation found that "appro-

priate disciplinary and administrative action should be taken against all" of the Prowler's crew members, a senior Marine officer said in Washington.

Marine commanders had acknowledged earlier that the Prowler was flying below the approved altitude during a training mission that took it over the

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Cavalese ski resort in the Dolomite Mountains. But until now, they had withheld judgment over whether pilot error or some mechanical malfunction

Investigators found that the plane was flying at 300 to 400 feet (90 to 120 meters) above the ground, instead of the required 2,000 feet, and that it exceeded the speed limit of 450 knots by more than 50 knots.

The accident Feb. 3 touched off outrage across Italy because of repeated prior complaints about low-level training missions in the Dolomites. American and Italian military planes have used the area to practice surveillance and radar-jamming runs for Bosnia peacekeeping operations.

Italian authorities have demanded the

American airmen be held accountable under Italy's criminal laws, and local prosecutors have brandished the prospect of multiple manslaughter charges. The Marine aviators have remained in Aviano, where the Prowler was temporarily based, pending completion of the investigation and resolution of the jurisdictional dispute.

While the decision on whether to surrender the Marines to Italian authorities rests with NATO's top military com-

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Tokyo prosecutors walking Wednesday to the Bank of Japan, where they arrested an official who was charged with leaking sensitive data to banks.

# Japan Is Shaken **By Arrest of Aide At Central Bank**

Governor May Quit After Charges That Official Leaked Market Data

By Sheryl WuDunn

TOKYO - The governor of Japan's central bank suggested Wednesday that he would resign to take responsibility for the arrest just hours earlier of a subordinate accused of leaking sensitive market data to major Japanese banks.

The images on television screens of scores of prosecutors marching into the Bank of Japan to arrest the subordinate was a stunning confirmation to many Japanese of how widely corruption has spread throughout the government and financial system.

The arrest adds to the increasingly uncomfortable perception here of be-sieged regulators, who are no longer able to effectively administer the

world's second-largest economy.

The Bank of Japan is regarded as one of the nation's cleanest institutions, so the arrest immediately raised questions about the possible impact on global confidence in Japan's financial system, which is

already bruised by banking troubles.

Economists and bankers said the arrest was unlikely to have an immediate effect on macroeconomic policy or the stability of the financial system. The yen initially tumbled on news of the arrest, but later recovered.

The incident is particularly worrisome because the alleged leaks involved advance information on the central bank's open-market operations and data on the Tankan survey, one of the most closely watched reports issued by the bank on the state of the economy. Bankers also privately expressed concern that the arrest of the central bank official, Yasnyuki Yoshizawa, 42, who runs the bank's capital-markets division, could lead to greater turmoil within the central bank, particularly if the central bank governor, Yasuo Matsushita, resigns.

[Nikkei English News reported late Wednesday that Mr. Matsushita said he would resign to take responsibility for the scandal, and hinted he might depart at the end of this month, Bloomberg News reported.

[Mr. Matsushita said he would step down after an in-house investigation is completed and before the revised Bank of Japan law takes effect April 1, the news

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ners before any military action against lraq, but he again insisted that the

United States reserved the right to launch a strike without their backing.
At the same time, Mr. Clinton de-

fended the arms-inspection agreement Mr. Annan worked out with Iraq last month. At a brief photo opportunity, he praised Mr. Annan and said he deserved

Mr. Matsushita, the bank's governor,

at a news conference on Wednesday.

**Clinton Tries** 

To Reassure

**UN Leader** 

But He Insists on Right

To Launch Strike at Iraq

By Brian Knowlton

International Herald Tribune

Clinton offered assurances Wednesday

to the United Nations secretary-general,

would consult its Security Council part-

Annan, that the United

WASHINGTON - President Bill

'a lot of appreciation.' "We believe that the resolution gives us the authority to take whatever actions are necessary, but of course we would consult," Mr. Clinton told reporters be-fore a meeting with Mr. Annan. "It

would be unthinkable that we wouldn't.' The president sought to rebut harsh criticism of the accord from some con-

servative legislators, saying, "The agreement in its own terms is clearly not Mr. Clinton and Mr. Annan carefully

avoided a public disagreement about the consultation issue. The president repeated the U.S. insistence that UN resolutions passed at the time of the Gulf War give Washington all the authority it needs to decide on its own to strike Iraq. He said he had consulted intensively

with other foreign leaders as the crisis over fraq evolved in recent months, and added. "I'm not sure there is a conflict between our positions.' Mr. Annan said he agreed with Mr.

Clinton's analysis.
"Consultation," he said, "is an ongoing process, and part of the way we do business in the international commu-

# **Israeli Army Tries** To Curb Violence

As three Palestinians killed by Israeli soldiers were buried, Israeli security forces struggled on Wednesday to prevent mounting unrest on the West Bank from spinning

During violent demanstrations in Hebron and Ramallah, a total of 26 Palestinians were wounded. Israeli Army authorities met with their Palestinian counterparts in an effort to contain the violence.

leader, called the killings "a big

The Hebron chapter of his Fatah organization called for "clashes with the gangs of settlers and occupation forces everywhere and with all means" on Thursday. The statement accused Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel of "blowing up" peace efforts. Page 7.

# Mussolini-Mobile

GENEVA (AP) - A car that Benito Mussolini, the Italian dictator, gave to Claretta Petacci, his mistress, in 1940 was sold for 156,000 Swiss francs (\$107,000) at

The Fiat 2800 luxury coupe was bought by a Swiss intermediary for an unidentified American collector, said the auctioneers, Brooks.

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# Best of Times Are Over, Suharto Says

By Cindy Shiner Washington Post Service

JAKARTA - President Suharto began a seventh five-year term in office Wednesday with a somber call for national unity and collective belt-tight-

As he spoke, thousands of students staged their biggest and most fiery anti-government protest since the economic protest and protest since the economic crisis erupted eight months ago.

"Today, we are going through ex-tremely difficult tests and trials," Mr. Suharto said in his inaugural speech. economic and financial turmoils. We will never enjoy again an economic growth such as we have experienced for more than the past quarter-century."

As Indonesia struggles with the worst economic and political crisis since Mr. Subarto came to power 32 years ago, the People's Consultative Assembly, the na-

tion's most powerful policy-making body, elected Research and Technology Minister B. J. Habibie as vice president. Mr. Habibie, a workaholic and sur-

rogate son to Mr. Suharto, could become president if Mr. Suharto, who was ill in December, fails to complete his term or

stand for election again in 2003.

The aeronautical engineer has economic views that have often clashed with those of the technocrats who guided Indonesia through three decades of steady growth. When his name first surfaced as a vice-presidential candidate this year, the rupiah plunged, with 17,000 rupiah. On Wednesday, the dol-lar was at 10,550 rupiah.

University students, angry over the high prices that have resulted from the economic crisis that they blame on government mismanagement and corruption, have staged protests over the past two weeks. The demonstrations turned

fall, Koreans are expressing their re-

sentment in a campaign against foreign

products in which foreign-made cars are

Foreign-car owners have had insults, and occasionally eggs, hurled at them on

the road, said the car dealers. Restaurants and nightclubs have been known to

refuse parking spaces to foreign cars, gasoline stations occasionally refuse to

serve them, and owners have found their

autos with nails in the tires and anti-

foreign warnings smeared on windows

The dealers showed videos of new

cars that had been scratched, dented and

spray-painted with slogans and threats.

One woman was "grabbed by the neck and abused" when she got out of her imported car, said Yoon Dae Sung, ex-

ecutive director of the foreign-car dealers' group. Finally, she decided to sell it rather than risk injury to herself and

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iterally the most visible target.

violent Wednesday for the first time, shortly after Mr. Suharto was sworn in. Up to 10,000 students demonstrated Gadjah Mada University in Yogya-

karta, on the main island of Java, and burned an effigy of Mr. Suharto, while thousands of others protested in the eastern town of Surabaya, on the outskirts of the capital, and in other cities.

The Yogyakarta protest was reportedly peaceful, but more than a dozen students were injured in a clash with troops in Surabava.

Jakarta banned street protests during the weeks before and after the assembly Their scope of demands vary, but the

students mainly call for price cuts and political reform, and they say they will continue demonstrating until their demands are met. 'We don't want the tension to drop

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# Heeding Death Threats, Red Cross Leaves Kosovo



Ethnic Albanians burying relatives killed in the Kosovo security sweep.

In Seoul, Abuse Revs Up

For Foreign-Car Owners

By Don Kirk

International Herald Tribune

the wheel of a foreign car these days

have to drive defensively, and it's not because of the traffic. It's because they

have been beaten and choked and

their new cars because people persecute

and harass them," said Choi Byung Kwon, chairman of the Korea Auto-

mobile Importers and Distributors Association. They accuse them of selling

South Korea's foreign-car dealers or-

ganized a press conference Wednesday

to appeal to Koreans to stop the verbal

and physical attacks against owners of

imported automobiles.
With thousands of companies col-

lapsing, tens of thousands of people

losing their jobs and prices rising since

the country's financial crisis began last

"Our customers are afraid of driving

branded as traitors.

out the nation.

SEOUL - Koreans who get behind

By Chris Hedges

PREKAZ, Serbia --- The Internation-Committee of the Red Cross withdrew its foreign staff from the troubled province of Kosovo on Wednesday because of death threats, severing the work of the agency in an area where scores of people have been killed in the last few days by Serbian security forces.

We have called our foreign staff to Belgrade for consultations because yesterday and last night our expatriate staff received repeated anonymous death threats," said Gordana Lenkovic, a Red Cross official in Belgrade.

Police and paramilitary units in Serbia mounted two offensives against eth-nic Albanian separatists in Kosovo on Feb. 28 after six Serbian policemen were killed. The sweeps have left at least 74 ethnic Albanians, including some two dozen women and children, dead. Scores of people remain missing. The Red Cross, which specializes in providing humanitarian assistance in

DANES VOTE - Uffe Elle-

mann-Jensen, leader of the op-

position Liberal Party, voting

Wednesday near Copenhagen.

The initial results pointed to a

government victory. Page 6.

with most outsiders, from the villages under siege by the police. Officials said the death threats some in English - were made in five anonymous phone calls to the offices of

conflict zones, has been blocked, along

the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in the provincial capital of Pristina. The messages said that for-eigners working for the organization in Kosovo would be killed, officials said. The six major powers that deal with

the former Yugoslavia called on Belgrade on Monday to give the Red Cross full access to the region in central Kosovo now cordoned off by police and paramilitary units.

The Contact Group of overseers — comprising Britain, France, Italy, the United States, Germany and Russia also reimposed modest sanctions on the rump Yugoslavia, composed of Serbia and Montenegro. It also told the

### See KOSOVO, Page 6 See UN, Page 6 Camelot for Sale (Again) After Jackie's, JFK's Items Are Up for Auction abilia looms as the latest gauge of the By N. R. Kleinfield price of homage.

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Prancing out of the recesses of history come the big and the small, the presidential bust and the president's plastic Ace comb.

Here are his scribblings on the Cuban missile crisis as well as his Bell System phone card. Notice the Oval Office flags, his shoehorn, a picture of the president with Roger Maris, a Jackie Gleason record album he liked to listen to, his racing sloop, even two pairs of his long johns. (Bear in mind, one pair is missing two buttons.)

On and on they come, some 600 items for insatiable Kennedy buffs - or anyone thirsting to clutch the residue of

Next week, several thousand people are expected to squeeze into an Upper East Side armory and relive Camelot through their wallets. In the hyperventilated world of vicarious living, the auction of John F. Kennedy memor-

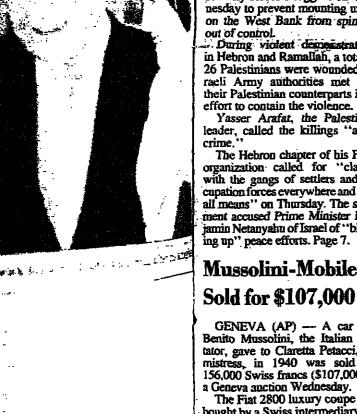
Rarely do so many personal artifacts of so mythologized a figure come up for sale in the throbbing memorabilia marketplace, where something as mundane as a toothbrush acquires ethereal dimensions and a multithousand-dollar price tag simply because of whose teeth it brushed.

Who, after all, can forget the buying frenzy of the Jacqueline Kennedy Onas-sis estate sale at Sotheby's two years ago, which propelled prices into an uncharted stratosphere?

'Do we hope that lightning strikes twice?" said Arlan Ettinger, the president of Guernsey's, which is conducting the Kennedy sale next week. "Sure we do. Are we realistic that things might not go as well? Sure we are, It's an

auction. Guernsey's, a small auction house that once sold the contents of the ocean

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# A Multi-Kitchen Chef Settles Simmering French Debate

By Charles Trueheart Washington Post Service

ARIS — When the chef Alain Ducasse won his sixth star the other day from the esteemed Michelin restaurant guide, in France and in the great kitchens of the world the event had the distinct aroma of history.

This was not because Mr. Ducasse is a great chef, which he is, or because his cooking is revolutionary, although it can be. It was because his recognition by France's acknowledged arbiter of cuisine redefined what it means to be a chef - and what it doesn't

mean, necessarily.

By awarding the maximum three stars to each of Mr. Ducasse's two restaurants — Louis XV in Monte Carlo and Alain Ducasse near the tony Place Victor Hugo in Paris — Michelin settled the debate over whether a chef can really be a chef in two places

Mr. Ducasse, by being energetic and almost constantly airborne, can.

Only in a country where cooking and eating are matters of philosophy could such a debate even take place. But it has numbled here for some time. Michelin itself put the question on the table a year ago, in its previous annual edition, by awarding a third star to Mr. Ducasse's Paris restaurant but retracting one from the Monte Carlo place, as if tut-

tutting Mr. Ducasse's ambition. Mr. Ducasse is very much engaged in the debate, even discoursing on his ideas in a front-page signed commentary in the austere Le Monde.

"Is gastronomy an art?" he asked. "Should the chef always be in the kitchen? Can pleasure come without high cost? Should everyday cooking be so sad?"

He is soon to collaborate with one of France's best-known writer-philosophers. Jean-Francois Revel, on a serious book about the philosophy of Alain Ducasse.

As Mr. Ducasse, 41, in hornrimmed glasses and a classic double-breasted white cooking smock, sat sipping coffee in the elegant parlor of his Paris restaurant, he sounded passionate

is making.
"It's important for the profession to recognize that there are teams" of cooks, not just single chefs. "You have done this in the United States, Mr. Ducasse said, citing his friend Wolfgang Puck, the California chef. No matter which Puck restaurant you're in, Mr. Ducasse said, "no problem, you've got Wolfgang Puck cooking. It's a touch, a sig-

As he sees it, being Alain Ducasse is like being Yves St. Laurent — and just as costly. Each has his distinctive "collec-And why does no one tions." object when Yves St. Laurent doesn't fit and stitch your garment personally? Other analogies he offered: Chanel. Louis Vuitton. Mercedes-Benz.

Another chef and fellow shuttler among kitchens is Roberto Donna of Galileo in Washington. "Good for him," Mr. Donna said of the six Michelin stars for Mr. Ducasse. "He must be a great leader. He must be a great

"N MR. DUCASSE'S success Mr. Donna saw validation for his own sometimes controversial proliferation from one restaurant to 12, including I Matti, the Radicchios, Arucola and Barolo. "What he's doing is hard," Mr. Donna said. "He's not fooling around."

Those who scoff at a successful multi-kitchen chef are "jealous, I think," he said.

"In theory, it shouldn't make any difference whether on the night you're there the chef is in the kitchen or not," said Edward Behr, editor of The Art of Eating, a culmary newsletter. "But I think the proof is in the pudding. Presumably, they've got it more or less right" at Alain Ducasse and Louis XV.

Pleased by the Michelin recognition, the first of its kind in 60 years, Mr. Ducasse sighed that it should be so exceptional. France, he said. "is so traditional, so for-

mai."
"Change always takes longer here," he said. "Modernity and rapidity scare people."

The chef echoes the conventional view that Paris has lost its

place as the white-hot center of everything, and some of its best chefs, to London and New York. He said he worried about the immediate future. "Cooking in 2005 won't be at all like today's." he said. 'I hope there will be enough young French cooks to give modernity the cooking the period demands."

The shifting sands of standards at Michelin, the French tire company that launched the famous red guide to restaurants in 1900, are reflected in a growing emphasis on value in determining the laurels that a restaurant or hotel

will receive.

Bernard Naegellen, chief of the redoubtable Michelin restaurant inspectors, a corps more anonymous than spies, was quoted in a rare interview in Le Figaro acknowledging that what passes for

a revolution was going on.

"The euphoria for luxury dining is gone," Mr. Naegellen said.
He said. "Customers are paying attention to the bill," adding something that, if true, is even more astonishing for France: 'The customer has become

king."
Looking around the impossibly sumptuous Alain Ducasse restaurant, a palace of wish fulfillment and discreet hovering by one staff member per customer, it is hard to see evidence that luxury has slipped from view.

Mr. Ducasse said the Michelin man's point did not really apply to haute cuisine but still he noted that for the economy-minded, he was offering a lighter, five-course \$80 menu, not just the regular seven-course \$160 menu or the all-truffles \$240 menu. We speak here of lunch.

R. DUCASSE said the food he and his team prepare was in a Constant process of evolution, reinvention. Nothing stays on the menu long without amendment. The drift his cooking is taking? "Toward the Zen side of things. It's becoming more legible, more evident" - less murky, he said.

"People are here to get away from all those dark places," he said. "They don't need another intellectual problem" on the plate



The many-starred Alain Ducasse before his restaurant in Monte Carlo. As he sees it, being Alain Ducasse is like being Yves St. Laurent - and just as costly. Each has his distinctive 'collections.'

As an intellectual problem, the Michelin decision is a slippery philosophical slope.

If two restaurants are permissible, then are three? Mr. Ducasse thinks so. He foresees a third Ducasse establishment, at the inn he owns in the hills above the Cote d'Azur, "within two ' Nine stars are within his

If three restaurants, then four? Six? Twelve — like Mr. Donna? Where, really, is the wall that separates Alain Ducasse from Colonel Sanders?

Mr. Ducasse doesn't want to get into how many is too many. He did say that the two Ducasse restaurants were completely different, just one way they differ ists are eating (expletive). I am from Kentucky Fried Chicken ashamed for France."

restaurants. His is not a cookiecutter operation.

Even so, Mr. Ducasse is in-terested in cookie-cutter operations. An innovator in French cooking, a believer that savoirfaire in the kitchen is one thing France still has to offer the world, Mr. Ducasse said he was financing research into improving institutional food - how to prepare chicken for 500, say.

This, too. is a matter of national "On the French highways, the food that's available is (expletive), Mr. Ducasse said. "Look at the Italian highways, where you can get an excellent panini made to order. Our people and our tour-

# Clinton Plans Visit To Rwanda Airport

Stop Will 'Acknowledge Genocide'

WASHINGTON - Pres- ment, officials said. ident Bill Clinton has decided to stop in Rwanda during his coming tour of Africa to show U.S. concern about the genocide that wracked the country in 1994 and that threatens the continuing peril of tribat to erupt again, according to strife in Rwanda and neighboring countries in the Great

For security reasons, Mr. Clinton will not leave the airport in Kigali, the Rwandan capital. But the March 25 stop will include a public event to "address and acknowledge the genocide and the human-itarian crisis that easned," a senior official said.

By visiting Kigali, Mr. Clinton will underscore his is to participate during his administration's reversal of attitude about Rwanda, where fears of a costly U.S. involvetime, U.S. officials refused to use the word "genocide" in public comments because do- said, because he wants ing so may have increased the pressure to intervene.

The U.S. secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, began a genocide in Europe or any December tour of Africa by telling the Organization of African Unity that one way for the United States to promote peace in Africa was to have been plagued for ac-

tegrate newly democratizing partners into the world economy and gain valuable allies in the fight against terror, narcotics trafficking and other global threats." Those are to be the main themes of Mr. Zaire. Clinton's tour, administration officials said.

would visit Ghana, Uganda, Botswana, South Africa and ally peaceful and relatively perpetrators of violence will Mr. Clinton will emphasize onymity.

By Thomas W. Lippman the importance of democratic reforms, economic progress and concern for the environ.

But the announced inner ary subjected the White House to some criticism that it had overlooked the contin nent's myriad problems and Lakes region.

According to senior officials, former Representative Howard Wolpe, Democrat of Michigan, heard that sentiment when he went to Africa recently as the president's envoy to the Great Lakes region. Mr. Wolpe was planning the agenda for a regional summit meeting in which Mr. Clinton Uganda stopover.

The Rwandans and their neighbors stressed the imporment paralyzed Washington tance," a senior official said, policy-making as hundreds of thousands of civilians were about genocide." He added, "Wolpe came back and remostly by extremists of the commended that this get so. Hutu tribe, in 1994. At the rious attention." Mr. Cliaton took Mr. Wolpe's advice, the officer

acknowledge what spired, and to show that you ocide in Africa is as serious where else." Rwanda and its simil

tiny neighbor Burundi; edit-former Belgian colonis. accept a share of responsibility for the disasters that have plagued the continent in recent years.

Mrs. Albright told a House trious plane crash filled the continent of the continent in the c committee recently that on presidents of both countries, her African tour she found "a extremist Hutu militims in rare opportunity to help in- Rwanda began a campaign of extermination against the Tutsi, halted only after a mostly Tutsi rebel army entered the country from Uganda and drove the militiaswestward into what was then.

A major part of the Clinton administration's effort to help The White House had an- stave off a recurrence innounced that the president volves convincing those in the region that the United States, and other Western Senegal on a tour that begins countries are not indifferent. March 23. Those are gener- to what happened and that the prosperous countries, where not be shielded by their an-

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# Italy Museums to Open in Evening

ROME (Reuters) - Italy's top museums, long criticized for unpredictable and miserly viewing hours, will remain open until late evening in what is seen as nothing short of a revolution in Italy's tourism industry. The 16 museums, which will stay open daily from 9 A.M.

until 10 P.M., include those housing some of Italy's most priceless works of art, among them Michelangelo's statue of David in Florence and Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper fresco in Milan. An additional 11 museums will remain open until 10 P.M. only on Sundays:

The new opening hours will be phased in next month and last at least three years.

Striking firefighters at both Paris airports maintained their walkout for a second day on Wednesday, grounding or delaying hundreds of flights as talks dragged on.

Germany and Singapore are to liberalize air traffic between the two countries step by step, German Transport Minister Matthias Wissmann said. The nine weekly round trips between the countries are to increase to 21 in 2000.

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Whystler	80	265	Good	Open	Poid	103	all lifts and trails open: good
France							
Aipe d'Huez	100	280	Good	Open	Pest	11/3	70/96 filts open, excellent conditions
Les Arcs	80	230	Good	Open	Pedr	11/3	73/77 Bis open, superb skiing
Los Avoriaz	130	160	Good	Open	Pedr	11/3	40/47 open, new snow; excellent
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Livigno	55	155	Febr	lcy	Polid	83	all 30 open, some loyleom spots
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Klosters	20	155	Good	Some	Peck	93	all 29 lits open, great snow on runs
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### Montand's Body To Be Exhumed For DNA Tests

The Associated Press

PARIS — The corpse of Yves Montand, the French singer and actor, was to be exhumed to provide DNA samples as part of a controversial paternity test, authorities said Wednesday.

The exhumation, scheduled for Wednesday, was aimed at resolving an eightyear paternity suit pitting Mr. Montand's heirs against Au-rore Drossard, 22, and her mother Anne, who claim Aurore is the celebrated crooner's daughter.

A Paris court ordered the procedure last November. 'What a horror,' said Dominique Piwnica, the lawyer representing Mr. Mont-and's heirs, his adopted daughter Catherine Allegret and his last girlfriend, Carole Amiele.

'This is a procedure that is both psychologically and morally painful," said Miss Piwnica. "Hearing the news repeated over and over again on the radio only reinforces the pain every 10 minutes." Authorities will exhume Mr. Montand's body at dusk, after they close the gates of Pere Lachaise cemetery, in

buried beside Simone Signoret, his wife of 36 years.

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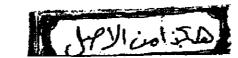
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# Rwanda Air Clinton Testimony Being Discussed With Starr's Office Sever wanted to talk to the president, they have was demanded after a copy of some of the billing records from her old law firm myster the residence of the

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton's top lawyer and prosecutors investigating the Monica Lewinsky matter have recently opened discussions over whether Mr. Clinton would provide grand jury testimony, accordsing to a senior administration official and a flawyer involved in the inquiry.

The contact between the president's lawyer.

have resulted yet in any agreement over the timing or scope of the president's testimony.

["I'm not going to talk about that today," Mr. Clinton said during an Oval Office picture-taking session with Kofi Annan, the secondretary-general of the United Nations, according to The Associated Press. "I can't. I've got to do the work that the people of this country

Taking Mr. Clinton's side, Mr. Annan told reporters, "I wish you would concentrate on my issues." When a reporter tried to return to the grand jury investigation, the White House press secretary, Michael McCurry, cut off questioning, saying, "Thank you, everyone.

The discussions suggest that the Whitewater independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, could complete the fact-finding phase of the Lew- independent counsel's office. insky inquiry within the next few weeks, as

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**TOPICS** 

**Utilities Recycle Their Sludge Into Profit** 

U.S. power plants burned 870 million tons of coal in 1996, leaving about 100 millions of ash to be disposed of. Only about a quarter of that was recycled, according to the

Electric Power Research Institute. The Pennsylvania Power Co. plant near Shippingport dumps about 500,000 tons of ash-filled sludge a year into a disposal area. But that will soon change. National Gypsum Co. has broken ground

on a \$79 million plant to treat the sludge and use it to make

synthetic-gypsum wallboard for construction. It will be

one of the largest recycling projects in North America.

Other utilities have recycled ash for use in roof shingles,

asphalt and aluminum castings for engine blocks. Delmarva

Power & Light found such recycling so lucrative that the Delaware utility began mining ash from its disposal pits.

Creating synthetic gypsum, such as National Gypsum will produce, costs less than mining natural gypsum from underground deposits, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reports.

The project will lower the power company's disposal costs

Mike Marko has a Washington State University

College had been clusive for the Ohioan, 44. But the

Cougars sweatshirt, sips coffee from a Cougars mug and

roots for WSU teams. After he gets his bachelor's degree,

Internet, video conferencing and such simpler technology as videotapes have lowered barriers for him and many

others otherwise isolated from campuses. By 1995, the Education Department said, more than 700,000 students

were taking off-campus courses electronically, two in three

colleges and universities are expected to offer such courses

this year. The University of Texas decided last year not to

Brian Knowlton

he might even visit his campus — 1,786 miles away.

and extend the useful life of its dumping area.

Mr. Clinton would be one of the final witnesses to testify. Negotiations with Ms. Lewinsky's lawyers over her providing testimony under a Lawyers in Mr. Starr's office declined to

lawyers over her providing testimony under a grant of immunity broke down weeks ago.

There are significant political and legal calculations on both sides. The president might be reluctant to refuse a request by Mr.
Starr that he testify in the Lewinsky case
because it would leave the impression that he has something to hide.

lawyer involved in the inquiry.

The contact between the president's lawyer, David Kendall, and prosecutors appears not to in the Paula Jones deposition, in which he was asked for the first time about Ms. Lewinsky.

Although Mr. Starr could simply subpoena the president, rather than try to negotiate his testimony, doing so might make him appear overly aggressive and might lead the president to claim appears to claim appears to claim appears to the president to th ident to claim executive privilege and refuse to answer questions, a step that could lead to a protracted court battle that would delay Mr. Starr's inquiry by months.

At least two senior White House aides -Bruce Lindsey, the deputy counsel, and Sidney Blumenthal, a communications adviser -have refused to answer some of Mr. Starr's questions before the grand jury, citing the right of the president to confidential conversations with his staff.

Mr. McCurry said he did not know details of the talks between Mr. Kendall and the

comment on whether they had engaged in discussions over the president's grand jury

Mr. Clinton said shortly after the Lewinsky accusations surfaced in January that he and his staff would cooperate in the investigation. He said he would like to clear up questions raised by the inquiry "sooner rather than later."

The president has said very little about his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. She has told friends that she had a sexual affair with the president, but in an affidavit for the Paula Jones sexual misconduct lawsuit, she said there was no sexual relationship, according to lawyers involved in the case. Mr. Chinton vigorously denied having sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky or encouraging her to lie about any such relations.

Mr. Starr and his predecessor, Robert Fiske Jr., have taken the president's testimony un-der oath at the White House on several previous occasions on a variety of Whitewaterrelated matters. Portions of that testimony were later read to grand jurors.

Mr. Starr and Mr. Fiske have also ques-

tioned Hillary Rodham Clinton at the White House about the Clintons' business affairs in Arkansas, although once, in early 1996, Mr. ndependent counsel's office.

Starr ordered Mrs. Clinton to appear before a had had a liaison with Ms. However, he said, "In the past, when Mr. grand jury in Washington. Her appearance encouraged her to lie about it.

was demanded after a copy of some of the billing records from her old law firm mys-teriously surfaced in the residence of the White House nearly two years after they were first subpoenaed.

At the federal courthouse here Tuesday, prosecutors questioned Kathleen Willey, a former White House volunteer, about an al-leged 1993 Oval Office sexual encounter with Mr. Clinton, Mrs. Willey did not speak to reporters after her four-hour grand jury appearance, and her lawyer did not return tele-

phone calls seeking comment.

Citing Mrs. Willey's appearance, defenders of the president raised new questions about Mr. Starr's conduct of the investigation.

Lawyers and other members of Mr. Clinton's defense, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said her testimony was evidence of collusion between Mr. Starr and Mrs. ones's legal team. They said his questioning of witnesses in the Jones lawsuit indicated that Mr. Starr's office had been following Mrs. Jones' lawyers in trying to establish a record of sexual misconduct and obstruction of iustice by the president and his agents.

Lawyers in Mr. Starr's office have said that the first point of intersection of their long-running Whitewater investigation with the Jones lawsuit came in mid-January, when they became aware of accusations that Mr. Clinton

### Democrat Wins Bellwether Race

SANTA BARBARA, California — Lois Capps. a liberal Democrat, has defeated Tom Bordonaro, a conservative Republican, in a closely watched congressional special election that was seen by both sides as a possible harbinger of the 1998 House elections in the nation's most populous state.

With more than 90 percent of the vote counted, Mrs.

Capps led Mr. Bordonaro by 8 percentage points.
Mr. Bordonaro, who upset a moderate, Brooks Fire-

stone, in the Republican primary, ran poorly in precincts previously carried by Mr. Firestone. Mrs. Capps led from start to finish in what had been projected as a tight race, establishing a commanding lead in an early count of absentee ballots and holding it throughout Tuesday even-

Mrs. Capps, 60, a former Santa Barbara school nurse, is the widow of Walter Capps, who died Oct. 28 after 10 months in office as a congressman. He was the first

Democrat since World War II to represent this district. Mr. Bordonaro, 38, is a state assemblyman, former businessman and member of a San Luis Obispo ranching family. He has been in a wheelchair with limited use of his arms since a car accident in 1977.

# Linking IMF and Abortion

WASHINGTON — Republican leaders in the House of Representatives said Wednesday that they would link anti-abortion provisions to a funding package for the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations. The White House threatened to veto the IMF package if

Republicans attach anti-abortion provisions to it. The provisions, which killed a similar funding bill for the IMF last year, would likely hurt its chances of passage through Congress by driving away Democrats and the Clinton administration. Speaking after a meeting of House Republicans, the appropriations committee Chairman, Bob Livingston of Louisiana, said the package would prohibit any U.S. funding to private or multilateral institutions that lobby to change foreign government laws that now ban abortion.

The bill would include the full \$18 billion for the IMF requested by the administration and just under \$1 billion to pay U.S. arrears to the United Nations, he said. (Reuters)

# Criminal Casts Vote in House

WASHINGTON — Representative Jay Kim, Republican of California, sentenced this week for accepting illegal campaign contributions, walked onto the House floor Tuesday and to the surprise of his colleagues, cast his first vote as a man convicted of a federal crime.

In a few days time, Mr. Kim will surprise them again. He is expected to become the first member of Congress to wander the chamber wearing a court-ordered electronic monitoring bracelet.

"It's a very strange situation," said Representative Martin Frost, Democrat of Texas, who presides over the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

On Monday in California, Mr. Kim was sentenced to one year of probation, a \$5,000 fine and two months of electronic monitoring in what prosecutors called the largest case of campaign finance violations in U.S. history. Last year, the congressman pleaded guilty to accepting \$250,000 in illegal contributions, a misdemeanor.

House members convicted of crimes can remain in Congress, but those convicted of felonies cannot vote.

Mr. Kim's political future in Congress — at least this term — is not entirely up to him. The House ethics committee is investigating Mr. Kim and could recommend a reprimand, censure, expulsion or nothing at all, once its inquiry is complete. The full House would have to once its inquiry is complete. The full House would have to approve the committee's report, with expulsion requiring a two-thirds vote. (NYT) a two-thirds vote.

# Quote/Unquote

Joe Lockhart, a White House spokesman, mimicking a phrase he often uses to avoid answering questions about the Lewinsky investigation, on the announcement that Buddy, America's first dog, will undergo an operation to make sure he brings no little Buddys into the world: "The counsel's office has told me I can't answer that ques-

Away From Politics

 A couple who hired a surrogate to carry an artificially conceived baby caused the girl's birth and are as much her parents as they would be if she were born the usual way, an appeals court in Santa Ana, California, ruled. The court ordered the father of Jaycee Louise Buzzanca, now almost 3, to pay child support to his former wife. (AP)

 The United States has hired 1,000 extra agents to patrol the Mexican border as part of a multibillion-dollar campaign to keep out illegal immigrants, criminals and drug smugglers. Doris Meissner, commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said the agency would deploy most of the new agents in Texas. (WP)

 The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating whether an air traffic tracking system went out amid reports that Air Force One vanished from radar screens for 24 seconds. Broadcast reports said the airplane disappeared from radar screens Tuesday as President Bill Clinton traveled to Connecticut.

scientists said after a last-ditch attempt to communicate with the little rover and lander that made history on Mars 1 last summer. The scientists spent five fruitless months trying to communicate with the craft that likely had succumbed to the cold and dust of the Martian winter. (AP)

• The Pathfinder spacecraft is officially dead. NASA

# Tale of the Whitewater Paper Chase

By Jeff Gerth New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The Whitewater nvestigation might never have come to life had James McDougal not been burning trash outside his cabin in rural Arkansas one day when he was also burning with anger at Bill and Hillary

It was 1990 and Mr. McDougal, a wealthy and influential Arkansas banker only a few years before, was destitute and alone, no longer in touch with the Clintons, his former friends. As he was burning trash, a wind blew some papers out of the flames. They were banking records from the Whitewater real-estate deal in which he and the Clintons had been partners.

Mr. McDougal put the papers in a safe to get even with the Clintons as they climbed toward the White House, he turned the papers over to this reporter for The New York Times.

Clinton. Instead, it destroyed Mr. Mc-Dougal, leading to the Whitewater independent counsel who indicted, convicted and jailed him for his management of a corrupt savings and

When he died Sunday in solitary confinement in a federal prison hospital, Mr. McDongal was the self-admitted victim of his own acts of revenge.

them but not against him. He was so enraged at the Clintons during that peri-

But in the book, Mr. Wilkie said, Mr. McDougal "does admit that he sowed the seeds of his own self-destruction."

While Mr. McDougal started the now four-year-old investigation, his importance to it is uncertain. Fearing he would die in jail after his conviction in 1996, he cooperated with Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, in remrn for a lighter

He provided valuable information he was questioned by investigators 58 times before his sentencing — but his prosecutorial worth was never clear. His conflicting accounts left his credibility as a witness open to challenge. He apparently had no new documents, and his last encounter with the Clintons was more than a decade old.

A few weeks ago another McDougal ociate, the former Arkansas governor Jim Guy Tucker, also agreed to cooperate with Mr. Starr, but now the possibility of Mr. McDougal's corrobor-

ating his information is gone. Mr. McDougal's knowledge had al-ways been a political threat to the Clintons. The Whitewater investigation would eventually go far beyond a real-estate deal in Arkansas to examine, among other things, efforts by the Clintons and their associates over the last six years to contain politically damaging accounts about their personal and political finances.

Investigators, for example, have ex-

amined a March 1992 letter to Mr. Mc-Dougal from a representative of Mr.

gal not to release any more Whitewater papers, and warned him that he still faced possible prosecution for the way he operated his failed savings and loan, Madison Guaranty.

In an interview soon after he received the letter, Mr. McDougal said that he interpreted the warning as a lightly veiled threat, but that he believed he could "beat the feds" again. At the time, he boasted frequently about his acquittal in 1990 on federal fraud charges arising from his management of Madison.

It was shortly after that trial that the quirks of fate intersected with Mr. Mc-Dougal's bitter emotions.

Despite his good legal fortune in winning acquittal, Mr. McDougal was in bad straits. He suffered from a variety of physical and mental ailments, including manic depression. His only income was place. Two years later, in a bitter attempt from Social Security disability payments. He and his wife were divorced.

After his acquittal, Mr. McDougal rned the papers over to this reporter for he New York Times. Said he received a brief congratulatory phone call from Mr. Clinton. Soon after, Mr. McDougal recalled in a 1992 interview, Mr. Clinton called his former wife, Susan McDougal, and asked, "Can I talk to Jim, will he chew my ass out?" Mr. McDougal said his bitterness

stemmed from Mr. Clinton's failure to follow up on a promise of a job first Dougal for their losses in their White-made in 1988.

papers in a trash fire outside his home in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. According to Mr. Wilkie, "some papers flew out of the fire, almost providentially." "Jim looked at them and then kept

Meanwhile, Mr. McDougal burned

them, stuck in a file somewhere," Mr. Two years later the New York Times reporter visited Mr. McDougal in

Arkadelphia. The former banker insisted that all of his Whitewater records had been turned over to the Clintons years earlier. In fact, he said, his failure to get them back was just one of many re-sentments he harbored against his partners of 14 years. He called himself "an easy mark"

who did not start getting irritated with his longtime friends until the mid-1980s, when Mr. Clinton asked him to retire an old campaign debt and to have Madison hire Mrs. Clinton and her law firm. A few weeks after the reporter's visit,

Mr. McDougal discovered — by accident, he said - some Whitewater bank records in a rusty file cabinet --- the same papers that had survived the fire. When he decided to turn over the records, according to Mr. Wilkie, it was as part of a plan to counter the arguments of the Clintons, who were blaming Mr. Mc-

# "He thought it would redound against em but not against him. He was so revenued at the Clintons during that periical reporter for The Boston Globe who helped Mr. McDougal write his memoirs, "Arkansas Mischief." Segregation by Gender All Recruits Should Train Together, They Say

By Steven Lee Myers New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force are expected to reject a committee's recommendations that the nation's armed services separate men and women for much of basic and advanced training, according to offi-

In drafts of reports prepared for De-fense Secretary William Cohen, the three services have opposed separating recruits by gender at the most basic level of training and housing them in separate barracks, as recommended by a special panel headed by the former Senator Nancy Kassebaum Baker, Republican of

Kansas, the officials said Tuesday. Mrs. Kassebaum Baker's recommendations, made in December, rekindled debate inside and outside the Pentagon about the decades-long efforts to integrate women into the military. Created following reports of sexual harassment at the army's advanced training school at Aberdeen, Maryland, the panel con-cluded that the army, navy and air force should train more like the Marine Corps, which strictly segregates male and fe-male recruits at the corps' recruit depot on Parris Island, South Carolina.

Both President Bill Clinton and Mr. Cohen said after the Kassebaum Baker recommendations on providing better re-Clinton's. The letter asked Mr. McDou- report was issued that they would respect sources for training and recruiting.

"The Executive"

the views of the services on this issue. For that reason, Mr. Cohen is unlikely to go against the wishes of the services on such a controversial change.

The officials said Tuesday that the three services would accept many of the panel's other recommendations. The services do agree with making improvements in training and the recruiting of drill sergeants and toughening physical fitness standards, the officials said.

But after years of occasionally wrenching efforts to bring men and women closer together in virtually all parts of military life except the most intense combat, the services could not support separating recruits by gender when they entered the services and began their inculcation into the military, the officials said.

"We want these young people to get adapted to our way of life when they come in," a senior military official said, noting that men and women served together in most jobs in the army, navy and

With Mrs. Kassebaum Baker's panel holding the Marine Corps training as something of a model, that service is not expected to dispute the recommendations on separate units and barracks. Like the other services, the Marine Corps is expected to embrace many of the other

# build a new campus, creating a "TeleCampus" instead. Mr. Marko watches taped lectures and talks to professors and classmates by toll-free voice mail. "It's the greatest thing," he said, "since the invention of the wheel."



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# **Just Another Skirmish** For Indonesian Warrior

Human Rights Campaigner Continues Fight That He Began Decades Ago as a Dutchman

> By Thomas Fuller national Herald Tribune

JAKARTA — Hanging above a battered vinyl couch in J. C. Princen's office is a small, five-pointed bronze star and a faded certificate signed "Sukarno." It's a badge of courage that Mr. Princen, 72, has used throughout his career as an Indonesian human-rights campaigner — proof of patriotism from the country's first president, commentbrating Mr. Princen's role in the struggle for independence.

These days Mr. Princen would seem to need the credential. He continues to attack the government at a time when officials in Jakarta, faced with a financial crisis and increasing social disquiet, are particularly sensitive to criticism.

Earlier this week, Mr. Princen was one of about 150 activists who defied a ban on political protests in the capital, A handful of his colleagues were arrested at the demonstration, which protested the re-election of President Suharto.

"I would very much like that they arrest me at the moment," Mr. Princen said. "Not only because I'm vain, but pecause I want to prove how this regime

Mr. Princen's official title is director of the Institute for the Defense of Human Rights, one of about 30 nongovernmental organizations in the capital that lobby on such issues as women's rights, unfai labor practices and political reform.

He spends a good deal of his time writing open letters to Mr. Suharto. He demands that extra-judicial bodies be abolished, asks for answers about disappearances in East Timor and says bolitical change needs to take place before the economy can recover.

Mr. Princen knows Indonesia's prisons and judicial system well; he has spent a total of 10 years in jail during the presidencies of both Mr. Sukamo and Mr. Suharto. The first time was when, as a member of Parliament, he charged that government spending was not distributed equally among the country's outlying islands. President Sukarno did not take kindly to the criticism, and soon after Mr. Princen was whisked off to jail.

These days, Mr. Princen is the man in the wheelchair at political rallies, the Pahlawan Gerilja — guerrilla hero the two words etched on his bronze star. He is rarely absent from a courtroom during political trials, and students around the country smile with admir-

ation when his name is mentioned. His main preoccupation during the current crisis is that government critics are not only being detained or arrested, he says, some are disappearing alto-gether. A Western diplomat in Jakarta said he has counted about two dozen unexplained disappearances since the economic crisis started last fall; Amnesty International lists a similar figure.

Johannes Cornelis Princen would appear to be an unlikely candidate as a leader in Indonesia's human rights movement. He was born and raised in the Netherlands, Indonesia's colonial master for several hundred years before legal independence in 1949.

Mr. Princen's first contact with Indonesia came after World War II, when he was sent as a soldier in the Dutch Army to help retain the colony.

But an adolescence under Nazi rule and two years in German prisons and concentration camps — he was accused of assisting the Resistance after the Germans invaded in 1940 - changed his attitude toward wars and armies.

"It directed my life," he says. "And made me fight against cruelty." So much so that Mr. Princen turned on his countrymen and joined the Indonesian guerrillas fighting for independence.
"I thought the Indonesians were right. I thought they should be the ones

to decide their own future." Mr. Princen became an Indonesian citizen in 1949. From his terrace at his one-story house, Mr. Princen works the phone. He checks.up on reports of a clash between student protesters and the army in Bandung, about 130 kilometers (80 miles) outside Jakarta. (The reports proved false.) And he gives unsolicited advice for Western envoys scheduled to visit President Suharto.

"You have to talk to Suharto in a very special way," he said. "Think about

Mr. Suharto cannot carry the debts of Indonesia's people to his grave, he said.
"He should be reminded that karma will wait for him. Whatever he does will return to him."

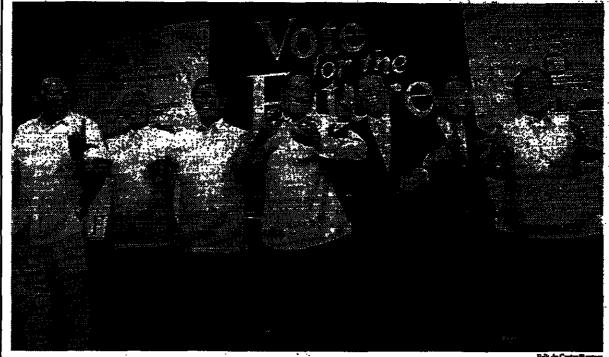
Like many other veteran activists, Mr. Princen said he once supported Mr. Suharto as an alternative to President Sukarno. But he says his opinion of Mr. Suharto changed "the moment be started gathering as much money as he could for himself."

In declining health recently, Mr. Princen says he wants to visit his brother in the Netherlands. Veterans groups there protested vigorously during his last visit several years ago, putting in jeopardy his visa this time.

Mr. Princen says he understands the veterans' view. He likens his decision to fight with the Indonesian guerrillas to that of a U.S. soldier in Vietnam joining the Viet Cong.

But he defends his decision and the

ethical issues that surround it. "Did you shoot the Dutch? Did you kill the Dutch?" he says he is often: asked. "Yes, yes."



Presidential candidates at a Manila business forum Wednesday, From left, Mr. Osmena; Mr. Lim; Mr. de Villa; Senator Raul Roco, Senator Juan Ponce Enrile; Santiago Dumbao, a businessman, and Mr. de Venecia.

# 11 to Contest Philippines Presidency

MANILA — The Philippines elec-tion commission on Wednesday named 11 official candidates, including Imelda Marcos, the former first lady, for what will be the most crowded presidential race in the country's history.

Others approved by the Commis-sion on Elections for the May 11 race included Vice President Joseph Estrada, a former film star who is far ahead in opinion polls, and President Fidel Ramos's preferred successor, the speaker of the House, Jose de

The latest major poll, taken in Febmary, showed Mr. Estrada with 28 percent of the vote, despite almost constant attacks on his morals and his understanding of economic affairs.
Mr. de Venecia, who pushed Mr.
Ramos's reforms in Congress but who
lacks popular appeal, ranked fourth in

Also ahead of Mr. de Venecia, and accredited by the commission as candidates, were the mayor of Manila, Alfredo Lim, and a former governor of Cebu, Emilio Osmena.

The others who qualified were a former defense secretary, Renato de Villa, three senators, a businessman, and a one-time chief censor.

Mrs. Marcos, who is battling to stay out of jail after a court sentenced her to 12 years in jail for graft, is the candidate of the foundaring New Society's Movement party of her husband, the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

When she ran in the 1992 election the previous largest race with seven candidates — she won 10 percent of the vote, compared with just over 24 percent for President Ramos.

Election commission officials, who deliberated for two weeks on the final list of candidates, disqualified 70 presidential hopefuls as "nuisance can-

They included a man who identified himself as "King of Kings" and said he had descended from heaven to save the world, and another who pledged to consult the horoscopes before mak-ing any policy should he come to

The commission also accredited 8 vice presidential candidates and 40 candidates for 12 Senate seats.

# Parties in Korea Talks Await North's First Move

By Don Kirk

SEOUL - President Kim Dae Jung's efforts to break the blockade in relations with North Korea have created a sense of hope that talks in Geneva this weekend among the protagonists of the Korean

War may go beyond past thetoric.

Diplomats and other North Koreawatchers note that the North has refrained from the kind of harsh commentaries with which it greeted Kim
Dae Jung's predecessor, kim Young Sam after his election in 1992.

This time, a U.S. Embassy official said, "We hope to be able to move beyond sterile debate and get into matters of substance."

Negotiating teams from North and South Korea, China and the United States will hold their second round of "four-party talks" aimed at bring peace to the Korean Peninsula and ending the confrontation across the heavily armed demilitarized zone.

The first round, held in Geneva a week before Mr. Kim's election in December, foundered on the North's insistence on two points unacceptable to the United States or South Korea: that the talks focus on the withdrawal of the 37,000 U.S. troops from Korea, and that North Korea and the United States, without Seoul, conclude a bilateral peace treaty to end the Korean War, which was suspended with a cease-fire in July 1953.

"What we're waiting for is for the North to decide it's ready for genuine

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Defense Minister Chen Yong Tack of South Korea, left, and General John Tiller, chief of U.S. troops in South Korea, attending a ceremony in Seoul.

would view the talks as a success if they can get the North to budge on one point. — its refusal to negotiate directly with Seoul. The North Korean leader, Kim II Sung, had planned to meet with Kim Young Sam but died in 1994, just days before they were to hold a summit meeting. Relations with the South have worsened under the leadership of his son, Kim Jong IL

Any move by the North to talk di-rectly to the South "would transform the atmosphere," a Western observer said. Kim Gye Gwan, North Korea's vice foreign minister and leader of the North

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dialogue," the American official said. Korean delegation, is expected to repeat the United States and South Korea the North's demands in the opening minutes of the first plenary session of the talks on Monday.

The United States has said North Korea can raise any issue at the talks but would not permit the North to set an "agenda" that excludes other topics. It is in lower-level meetings next week that American and South Korean officials hope to get a sense of whether the North is willing to relax its position slightly.
"We are ready to talk to them any

time, but they refuse," said Hanh Chong Hee, a member of the South Korean delegation. "It's totally blocked from a long time ago.'

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Park Young Ho, a senior research fellow at the Research Institute for National Unification here, a government organization, said, "People usually think that inter-Korean relations might improve as a result of Kim Dae Jung's election." But he said that he was "not very optimistic."

Since he was elected in December, King Dae Jung has reassured the Mouthrof its right to exist as a separate entity from the South, called for an exchange of envoys and cooperated on various cultural and economic exchanges. His gov-ernment is offering to send 50,000 tons of grain to the North amid reports of another severe food shortage. It has indicated it will increase trade and investment in the North and may make it no longer a crime for South Koreans to tune in to North Korean radio broadcasts.

But Mr. Kim said Wednesday that his government would not abolish a law making unauthorized contacts with the North a major crime. He said the law could be changed if North Korea made a "corresponding step."
The reaction from the North to the

new administration has been "moderate and positive," said Kim Young Min, an official with the Unification Ministry.

South Korean and American negotiators have said that the four-party talks would discuss the "peace mechanism on the Korean Peninsula," including steps for reducing forces, while questions of exchanging envoys, reuniting families separated by the Korean War and economic cooperation should be reserved for any North-South talks.

### BRIEFLY

# Allies Slow to Back Indian Hindu Party

NEW DELHI - In a delay to his expected appointment as India's prime minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the Hindu nationalist leader. waited for letters Wednesday from

allies confirming that they would support a government led by him.

Mr. Vajpayee, a leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party, put off a scheduled meeting with President K. R. Narayanan in which he was to submit group that he had backing submit proof that he had backing, from smaller parties to form a stable coalition government.

There was no immediate expla-

nation for the delay of the letters. The Bharatiya Janata Party has . been bargaining with other parties for a week to try to patch together a majority in the 545-seat lower house of Parliament. National elections failed to give any single party a majority.

### Nuclear Waste Ship Still Fails to Dock

ROKKASHO, Japan - For the second successive day, a ship carrying 30 tons of nuclear waste sat off this northern Japanese village while a local official refused it permission to dock.

The British-flagged Pacific Swan was scheduled to arrive early Tuesday with waste to be stored in . Rokkasho. The spent nuclear fuel, from Japanese nuclear power plants, was processed in France for disposal here.

The defiant official, Governor Morio Kimura, has demanded assurances from Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto that a permanent storage site will be built elsewhere.

Mr. Kimura forced a one-day delay in the unloading of the first waste shipment in 1995 by demanding that the government clamanding that me government rify its position on finding the per-

### China-Taiwan Bid

TAIPEI - China has invited Taiwan's negotiators to visit, the latest step toward resuming talks: between the two sides.

"Our association is willing to invite appropriate-level officials from your foundation to lead an economic, cultural, academic or, sports delegation to lour or hold inclines; said a letter Wednesday from China's semiofficial Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait.

The visit might also facilitate an "exchange of views over procedural issues leading up to political letter said.

Observers said the letter seemed to show more flexibility over a restoration of contacts, downplaying the demand that Taiwan discuss political issues relating to reunification with China. (AP)

# Attack in Thailand

BANGKOK - Marauders from Burma burned a Karen refugee camp inside Thailand early Wednesday, killing 2 people and wounding 33 while leaving nearly 9,000 refugees with no shelter.

The attack razed the 1,613-home Huay Ko Lo refugee camp nearly 6 kilometers (3.7 miles) inside Thailand, aid workers and refugees

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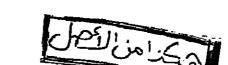
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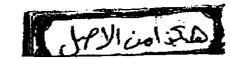
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# Clash Over Cyprus Indian Hindu Par Casts a Shadow on Talks to Widen EU

By Tom Buerkle uernational Herald Tribune

LONDON — It was billed as yet another historic European occasion, a meeting be-tween leaders of the 15 Euro-pean Union nations and their Cook, the British foreign seccounterparts from 11 EU candidate countries in Central and Eastern Europe.

of Thursday's gathering, a boycott by Turkey and disagreements over the member-ship of Cyprus threatened to

Minister Tony Blair, who will sure that the island's Turkish chair the inaugural meeting or the so-called European Conference, said Wednesday that Britain wanted Cyprus to begin EU membership negotiations at the end of this month, as planned, along with Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Estonia. But a spokeswoman for a provocation and has President Jacques Chirac of threatened to respond milit-France cast doubt on arily if they are installed. - ...: Cyprus's standing because of

"One has to ask what the goal of EU membership. point is," said the spokes- Aside from Turkey woman, Catherine Colonna.

Some diplomats were ask-Thursday's meeting. The tional crime and drug-conference was originally trafficking and tackling conceived as a mechanism to cross-border environmental tighten links between the EU problems such as acid rain. and Turkey, but Ankara decided to boycott it last December after Union lead-backing for the limited sanc-

Relations have gone States, to protest Belgrade's intervention in Kosovo. week, Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz said Germany's interest in EU enlargement was to gain "Lebensraum," the leaders on the same footing as term used by Adolf Hitler to their EU counterparts for the justify Nazi Germany's terjustify Nazi Germany's territorial expansion. Greece inc as constitution appearritorial expansion. Greece, ing as supplicants at the tail meanwhile, has blocked EU end of EU summit meetings.

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initiatives to deepen trade and political ties with Ankara and has threatened to block negotiations with the five East European countries if talks

retary, sought to strike a delicate balance, saying the Union had to find "other ways" But even before officials of maintaining a dialogue with began arriving here on the eve Ankara outside the European Conference. But he insisted that enlargement talks would open with Cyprus and that it was up to Rauf Denktash, the overshadow the meeting. Turkish Cypriot leader, and A spokesman for Prime his backers in Ankara to en-

> community was represented. Mr. Blair, meanwhile, was expected to press Cyprus to abandon plans to install Russian ground-to-air missiles on the island at a meeting late Wednesday with President Glafcos Clerides. Turkey regards the planned purchase as

Mr. Blair and Mr. Chirac the failure of the Greek and also voiced similar sentiments Turkish communities on the that the conference should divided island to agree on a make "positive noises" joint negotiating delegation. about Turkey and its eventual

Aside from Turkey and Cyprus, the leaders were expected to discuss ways to co-Some diplomats were ask-pected to discuss ways to co-ing the same question about operate in fighting interna-

Mr. Cook also said he expected to win East European ers decided Turkey was not tions imposed against Serbia economically or politically earlier this week by the major ready for EU membership. EU states and the United

The conference also was in-

BRIEFLY

# Germans Seek U.K. Prosecution Of Suspect in Attack by IRA

LONDON - German authorities said Wednesday they would ask Britain to prosecute a suspect in an Irish Republican Army attack, now that Britain has decided to stop extradition proceedings.

Britain announced Monday that it was halting proceedings to extradite Roisin McAliskey, daughter of Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, a prominent Roman Catholic activist and former member of Parliament from Northern Ireland.

German authorities wanted to question her about an IRA attack on a British Army barracks at Osnabrueck in June 1996. Nobody was wounded, but buildings were damaged. Miss McAliskey has denied involvement. (AP)

# Turkish Court Acquits Police

MANISA, Turkey — A court in western Turkey on Wednesday acquired 10 police officers of torturing 14 people, including tenance to a losing a court in them

on charges of belonging to a leftist group.

"The court has decided to acquit the defendants because it has not seen adequate evidence proving them guilty beyond reasonable doubt," a judge said when

reading out the verdict. The youths said the police tortured them for 10 days in 1996, stripping them naked, anally raping them with batons, giving them electric shocks and hosing them with

# Labor Talks Start in Germany

BREMEN, Germany — Unions representing 3.2 million German public sector workers began arbitration talks with the government Wednesday after contract negotiations collapsed last week.

The mediator, former Mayor Hans Koschnick of Bremen, said he was optimistic he could broker an accord that would avert a strike by the public employees.

Most contentious is a union demand for equal status for workers in former Communist Fart Communistry.

workers in former Communist East Germany, who are paid only 85 percent of their western compatriots, Mr. Koschnick told the daily Stuttgarter Nachrichten. (AP)

## For the Record

The Czech Parliament's path to ratifying the country's membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was smoothed Wednesday when the Social Democrats, the leading opposition party, backed off on its demand for a referendum on the issue. (Reuters)

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# **EUROPE**

# NATO to Send More Aid to Albania, but No Troops

By William Drozdiak

BRUSSELS — Faced with the danger of another Balkan war, the NATO allies held emergency talks Wednesday with Albania and agreed to step up military and civilian aid to prevent bloodshed in the Serbian province

of Kosovo from spilling across borders. The allies approved a plan to help Albania stem the flow of arms, drugs and guerrilla fighters into Kosovo, where ethnic Albanians, who compose 90 percent of the population, have been brutally suppressed in recent days by Serbian police. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization also began mobilizing food, tents and blankets to help Albania cope with a sudden surge of refugees

if the violence worsens.

But the United States and its European allies stopped short of embracing an Al-banian suggestion to dispatch a NATO-led peacekeeping force that could contain the conflict and ensure peace along the The crisis in Kosovo has served as a Yugoslav-Albanian border.

The crisis in Kosovo has served as a reminder that NATO is being pulled. Albania's deputy defense minister, Perikli

Teta, said his country would welcome a monitoring force similar to the one now serving under United Nations mandate in neighboring Macedonia, where 700 American and Nordic soldiers are stationed along the Yugoslav border. Mr. Teta said the "positive experience" in Macedonia showed how General Wesley Clark, says he expects to

preventive deployments could help defuse tensions in the volatile region.

NATO military analysts, however, concluded there was no imminent threat to Al-bania's sovereignty that called for an urgent deployment of NATO troops. They reported that in the absence of any massing of troops or equipment near the border, sending a NATO rapid-reaction force to the region would be a premature and possibly even provocative gesture that could escalate vi-olence between Serbs and Albanians.

Wednesday's meeting was called under the Partnership for Peace program that NATO established to bolster military and political ties with Central and East European states that are not in line for early membership. The partnership allows those countries who feel their security interests directly threatened to convoke an emergency meeting with NATO's 16 members and discuss what remedies can be found. But it does not

The crisis in Kosovo has served as another reminder that NATO is being pulled inexorably into the Balkan tinderbox of ethnic tensions as the principal guarantor to contain military conflict, if not assure stability in the

The peacekeeping mandate of the NATOled mission in Bosnia has been extended indefinitely, and NATO's chief commander,

maintain the current level of 31,000 soldiers keeping missions could become a constant

through the end of the year.
In addition, the United States has proposed that a NATO force composed mainly American and Nordic troops now serving in Macedonia when their mandate expires in Angust. And if the Kosovo crisis spirals out of control in the coming weeks, NATO of-ficials said it was likely that alliance forces would be sent to restore order, if only to prevent a regional war that could align NATO members Greece and Turkey on op-

posite sides of the conflict. While NATO is struggling to reconfigure its post-Cold War military structure into rapid-reaction units that can put out such brush fires, the alliance has found its attention diverted by the process of expansion into Central Europe at a time when ethnic turmoil in southeastern Europe has emerged as the Continent's gravest security danger.

'For the next few years we will be very busy trying to integrate Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, but it is almost a certainty that the biggest drain on our troops and our resources will be containing all the explosive forces in the Balkan region," a senior NATO diplomat said.

As military budgets dwindle in the absence of a Soviet-style threat, some NATO analysts predict that trans-Atlantic arguments over how to share the burden of peace- lentijevic, said.

source of friction. The United States wants the Europeans to take more responsibility for posed that a NATO force composed mainly their own security, but in many places, such of European soldiers should replace the as the Balkans, only the United States is considered to have sufficient power to pose a

credible peacekeeping deterrent. Senior American officials say that with 36,000 troops in the Gulf poised to strike Iraq and 8,500 still in Bosnia, the United States feels it is reasonable to assume that the Europeans should be called upon to shoulder the brunt of future NATO deployments in other potential flashpoints.

#### ■ Leader Demands Independence

The ethnic-Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova demanded outright independence for Kosovo on Wednesday, but Belgrade ruled out any negotiations until the demand was dropped, Reuters reported from Pristina,

the Kosovo capital. Mr. Rugova, head of the Democratic League of Kosovo, said, "The only acceptable solution for us is an independent Kosovo, not some kind of autonomy." Serbia dismissed the demand at once.

This is completely against our constitution, this is unacceptable for us, and I think this position is unfortunate because it does not offer the possibility of negotiations." the Serbian information minister, Radmila Mi-

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apparently worked in concert with the CIA in failed plots against Saddam Hussein have been declared threats to U.S. national security in a court ruling so secret that their lawyers cannot read it.

The ruling, handed down by a federal immigration judge in Los Angeles, means that they may be deported to their homeland, where they would likely face execution, their lawyers said.

The immigration judge, D.D. Sitgraves, in a public part of the ruling that .! was handed down Monday called the six Iraqis imprisoned in California "a danger to the national security of the United States." Her decision was largely based on secret testimony provided by FBI agents.

undermine Mr. Saddam; U.S. government officials did not dispute that on Tuesday. The Iraqis were offered refuge by the United States when two CIA plots against the Iraqi leader collapsed in 1996. Then after arriving in California by the Immigration and Naturalization comment.

They said last year that they had been falsely accused of being Iraqi spies.

They said the accusations flowed from political and personal infighting among the members of the Iraqi resistance. Sev-eral protested what they felt was a mis-

carriage of justice in the making.
"We came to this land legally, on account of the U.S. government, and they put us in a jail," said Ali Yasin Mohammed Karim, who worked with the Iraqi National Congress in northern

lraq. "Where is the law?"
The lraqis lawyers said they could not cross-examine the FBI agents who testified against their clients. Their questions called for answers that the Immigation and Naturalization Service asserted were too secret to discuss in open court.

U.S. Senators

**Push for Aid** 

Of Saddam

To Opponents

By Walter Pincus

WASHINGTON --- A group of Re-

publican senators headed by the Senate

majority leader has added a \$38 million

Saddam Hussein to the State Depart-

ment authorization bill, hoping to

change the Clinton administration's

policy from containment of the Iraqi

leader to actively promoting his remov-

Republican sources say that a con-

ference committee report on the State Department funding measure is expec-

ted to be taken up later this week in the

House. The Iraq package was first reported in The Washington Times.

officials who served in the Reagan and

Bush administrations.

Many of the steps were first proposed

But the group's most controversial

ideas — giving diplomatic recognition

to an Iraqi provisional government and

providing it weapons and U.S. military

air cover - are not part of the initial

Lott of Mississippi, and the other Re-

longer-term plan of ousting Saddam

Hussein," a Republican source said

The State Department authorization

bill has been tied up in Congress over

controversial amendments since last ses-

sion. A Republican source said the Iraq

proposals could get attached to another

State Department authorization "the

that comes along."

Included in the Iraq package are:

• \$20 million in humanitarian aid for

those areas in northern and southern Iraq

where the Baghdad regime does not ex-

ercise control. The aid would go to areas

in the north where Kurdish groups at one

time received \$40 million that was dis-

tributed by the Agency for International

Development and the Pentagon, and to

areas in the south, where Iran has in the

the democratic opposition to Mr. Sad-

dam. Some of it would be used to revive

cooperation agreements among dispar-

ate opposition groups. Another portion would go for leadership training of these

•\$5 million to be used to establish a

◆\$3 million to fund an effort to get the

Radio Free Iraq that would broadcast in Arabic from a U.S. government-owned

United Nations to approve an interna-

tional criminal tribunal for "indicting,

prosecuting and punishing Saddam Hus-

for crimes against humanity."

sein and other Iraqi officials responsible

Noting that bringing the Iraqi leader

to justice for war crimes has been a stated goal of the Clinton adminis-

tration since 1993, the proponents see

the legislation as pushing the State De-

partment into trying to persuade the UN

Security Council to approve such a

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past provided support.

facility in Kuwait.

piece of legislation as well. He called the

"This is only a first step toward the

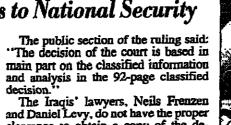
publican senators in the group.

by a group of former national security process."

proposal by the majority leader, Trent citing scheduling difficulties.

first train at the station, and if it fails, the for a staggering \$34.4 million — package will be added to the next one Kennedy artifacts have attained un-

package of programs for opponents of



and Daniel Levy, do not have the proper clearance to obtain a copy of the decision. "How do you appeal a decision you can't read?" Mr. Frenzen asked. Mr. Levy said Tuesday that "we never knew what was in the record, we never

knew what the case was about, and we still don't know." Under the law and the facts of the case, the lawyers said, their clients must

be deported to their country of origin — Iraq — unless Attorney General Janet Reno finds another nation willing to take The judge's decision can be appealed within 30 days to an immigration board

The six fragis say they worked for two or a federal appeals court panel. That appeal could take years. The men remain in a detention center in Los Angeles, separated from their wives and families. John Salter, the Los Angeles district counsel for the Immigration and Nat-

uralization Service, which prosecuted the case, confirmed that the judge had they were placed in detention centers run issued the ruling but said he could not The six Iraqis said in interviews last year that they had worked with two

resistance groups, which received tens of millions of dollars from the Central Intelligence Agency and worked to un-dermine Mr. Saddam. The secret plots collapsed in the summer of 1996, after Mr. Saddam arrested Iraqi officers working secretly for the resistance and sent tanks, troops and secret police to crush a CIA base in northern Iraq.

The six jailed men were among a group of 600 Iraqis who fled to Turkey in August and September 1996. That group, along with 5.500 other Iraqis and Kurds, was evacuated by the United States to the island of Guam. When they went to California, the Iraqis were imprisoned, although their wives and chil-

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nity." Mr. Annan did not repeat the wording he had used on a television

program Sunday, when he said that

other members would be required" be-

mand. It also, however, modified the

surveillance teams in ways some Amer-

Baghdad averted what appeared to be an

imminent U.S. attack, as American ex-

asperation grew after months of Iraqi

refusals to allow UN arms inspectors full

wanted - to complete the inspection

capitals, but has drawn sharp criticism

from some leading conservatives in the

U.S. Congress. Some saw it as a snub

when the Senate majority leader, Trent Lott, Republican of Mississippi, de-

clined earlier to meet with Mr. Annan.

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liner United States, is to hold the sale on

Mr. Ettinger said he hoped the sale would bring at least \$5 million. Since the

frenzied bidding at the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis sale — 1,200 lots sold

Roughly half the lots are culled from

the vast collection of Robert White, an

affable 49-year-old former industrial

cleaning supplies salesman and cham-

pion Kennedy idolater. Public previews

of the items start Friday at the New York

Already, the auction possesses all the

obligatory ingredients that accompany

almost anything involving the Kennedys — grand dreams, intrigue and incessant behind-the-scenes quarreling. History is

nagging subtext has been a fight between

the Kennedy children and Mr. White.

Almost from the instant the event was

announced in December, there have

been questions about provenance and

propriety, about a lengthy love letter

ordinary guy" who happens to possess 100,000 items of Kennedy memorabilia,

several hundred of which he describes as

carries his own money in President

not, is married to a woman named Jack-

some who accuse him of profiteering

from objects he vowed never to sell. He

and his benefactor have come under sus-

picion about the way they got all this. Worst of all, from his standpoint, he has

But he now finds himself castigated by

Mr. White depicts himself as "just an

never even inserted in the sale.

March 18 and 19.

heard-of values.

Historical Society.

The accord was lauded in many world

Mr. Clinton has cautiously endorsed

access to suspected weapons sites.

The agreement Mr. Annan hammered

ican critics say are unacceptable.

some sort of consultations with the

The agreement Mr. Annan signed

tors, meeting a fundamental U.S. de- servatives say.



Students shouting protests at troops Wednesday at the Jakarta gates of the Social and Political Science Institute. SUHARTO: Indonesian Opens Term With Belt-Tightening Call

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too low," said Annas Alamudi, 21, a law student at the University of Indonesia in Jakarta. "Our struggle is until we achieve total reform in this country."

Mr. Suharto, Asia's longest-serving leader, came to power in 1965 following what was described as an aborted communist coup. He set the country on the path to economic reform, and the standard of living improved dramatically. In the meantime, however, his six children, other family members and close associates amassed billions of dollars through the system of patronage that Indonesians have come to revile.

In his inauguration speech Wednesday, Mr. Suharto acknowledged that "some of us may lead an affluent life." "But as a nation we can no longer

Iraqi sensitivities, and were especially incensed by his descriptions of Mr. Sad-

dam as a "well-informed" and "very,

Feb. 23 in Baghdad called for Iraq to gotiate the agreement, can only emopen all sites, including eight sensitive bolden the Iraqis in ways that will lead to said that they would again tie anti-abor-

Mr. Annan is visiting the capitals of

Mr. Clinton and Mr. Annan said noth-

all permanent Security Council mem-

another major topic on their agenda: the approximately \$1.5 billion in back dues

owed by the United States to the United

Clinton for payment of the debt and urge

New York that he expected Congress to

make good on an agreement reached last

year to make back payments in exchange for those reforms, Reuters reported.
"We have delivered, and I want to know when they will deliver," he said.
The U.S. debt for regular UN dues and

peacekeeping expenses was \$1.3 billion at the end of last year, and is now put at

stoked the ire of the children of the man he

Mr. White inherited most of his items

has venerated since he was 9 years old.

in the sale from Evelyn Lincoln, the

vigilant secretary of President Kennedy and a friend of Mr. White who shared his

collecting interest and sympathized with

his enthusiasm. She died in 1995 and

was known as a scavenger of anything

wondered how she obtained things like

Dictabelt tapes that include Kennedy

conversations during the Cuban missile

crisis and an exchange with Harry S.

Truman, which are not in the sale, and

other personal items that they feel ought

The sale has also acquired the aura of a shrine for the thousands of Kennedy col-

lectors who find sustenance by bridging

It is in this fanciful world of shim-

Wilson, a Kennedy collector and mem-

orabilia dealer in Chevy Chase, Maryland, will go to the auction lusting for the

ice cream bowl of the former president.

said. "I would love to eat ice cream out

of the same bowl that John Kennedy ate

timates, \$750,000 apiece, are the sail-

there is a healthy sampling, as well, including her bolero jacket, a 1960 hand-

written copy of her will and some of her

people. "I've gotten a lot of calls from

people who said I was selling out," Mr. White lamented. "I'm not selling out."

The auction has not sat well with some

Cartier and Tiffany bills.

The items carrying the highest es-

"I have an ice cream obsession," he

their lives with reminders of his.

to be theirs.

rarely tidy, and neither is this auction. A mering ghosts that someone like Richard

"great items," tracing back to Mr. and a Cartier watch that Mr. Kennedy is Kennedy's baby christening ring. He believed to have been wearing when he

Kennedy's money clip, and, believe it or For enthusiasts of Mrs. Kennedy

was killed.

that intersected with the Kennedys.

But the Kennedy family

Mr. Annan was expected to press Mr.

bers to discuss the Iraq accord.

presidential" sites, to weapons inspec- more frouble down the road, the con-

out with President Saddam Hussein in ing during the brief photo session about

JFK: Camelot for Sale at Auction (Again)

This treatment, coupled with the le-

UN: Clinton Tells Annan U.S. Will Consult With Security Council Before Attacking Iraq

timacy they believe was conferred by .... And the prospects for congressional

Mr. Annan's visit to Baghdad to ne- support of back payments were damaged

by year's end.

said. "During the present hardship, we need precisely a stronger solidarity, a "Nations are developing themselves sense of sharing the same fate and des-

Mr. Suharto has been locked in a billion bailout. The Fund said last week that it was delaying the latest \$3 billion payment until April, apparently because of Mr. Suharto's reluctance to carry out the economic reforms he promised

Several Indonesian officials indicated this week that the government might choose to forgo the bailout if it felt as though it was being unduly pressured to carry out measures it considered un-

suitable and potentially destabilizing. Mr. Suharto hinted at this himself in his inauguration speech, saying, "New S&P said in a statement,

But the dues question also appears

tightly bound to a resolution of the Iraqi

crisis. If Baghdad violates the agree-

ment, support in Congress for paying the U.S. debt would likely suffer.

afford to lead an extravagant life," he powers are emerging in the international

with a view to attaining progress and prosperity," he said, adding: "On the one hand, we encourage changes that stand-off with the International Mon-etary Fund over the terms of its S43 all nations. On the other hand, we prevent events that may lead to an unjust and insecure world.

■ Currency Rating Downgraded

Indonesia's foreign-currency credit rating was cut late Wednesday by Standard & Poor's Corp., which cited mis-management of the economy, Bloomberg News reported from New York. Indonesia's local-currency rating was also cut, and the country remains on watch for another possible downgrade,

COPENHAGEN — Denmark's ceater-left government seemed headed for a surprise victory in a general election on Wednesday, with an early projection confirming the findings of an exit roll.

An official projection based on 124 percent of were commend pointed as percent of votes counted pointed to \$0 seats for Prime Minister Poul Nymp's coalition of Social Democrats and and

other leftist parties. The opposition center-right blee would get 85 seats.

Polls Show

Government

A Gallup exit poll of some 3,000 voters, issued after voting had ended any P.M., also indicated that the center-left coalition was heading for a new for-

Whoever wins, Denmark's next government must prepare for a referendum in May on enlarging the European Union, and EU leaders will be watching anxiously to see who will be in power to handle that vote.

But the campaign centered more on domestic than foreign issues, with right ist and center-right parties seeking to capitalize on a sense among some Danis that the country's non-European foreigners — forming less than 4 percent of the population, are increasingly becoming a burden on Denmark's welfare state.

The exit poll gave the Rasmusser The exit poll gave the Rasmussen camp 89 seats in Parliament as against

86 seats for the center-right.-The projections and the exit poll un contrary to a steady trend in recent opin-ion polls, which had indicated a slim majority for the Liberal-Conservative center-left bloc led by former Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen: "Exit polls usually prove correct, but it is still a very close race," the political science professor Lars Bille said on Danish

But the election may yet be so close that voters in the Faroe Islands and Greenland, which each send two menibers to the Parliament, will decide the outcome. Results from Greenland are not due until early Thursday.

Neither the exit poll nor the projections included these four parliamentary seats. Analysts said they expected two or Conservatives were angered by what about \$1.5 billion, headed to \$1.7 billion funding. Such language last year killed a they saw as Mr. Annan's caving in to by year's end. three of these legislators to side with the center-right, while one or two world back the center-left. over several months between the ad-

ministration, the UN and congressional Mr. Rasmussen said earlier as he leaders, including Jesse Helms, Repubvoted that the final result might not be lican of North Carolina, the chairman of known until all votes had been counted. "We will probably have to wait for a photo finish," he said.

The preliminary results indicated that Mr. Annan was to meet here with Mr. Helms and with the senior Democrat on Danes had kept to the habit of dividing the committee, Senator Joseph Biden of their ballots among up to 10 parties. This as made minomy coalidor fringe groups the norm.

The new Parliament is due to convene on March 25.

Financial markets expect a new cabinet to tighten fiscal policy to rein in an economy showing signs of overheating and to combat a looming current account

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# KOSOVO: After Threats, Red Cross Leaves

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Yugoslav president, Slobodan Milosevic, that he had 10 days to comply with a series of demands, including the withdrawal of his paramilitary forces in the region and the opening of an unconditional dialogue with the ethnic Althe agreement, saying it requires using by UN arms inspectors. "If the agreement is complied with," he said Wednesday, "then we will be able to do Wednesday, "then we will be able to do took office 15 months ago vowing to promote a streamlining of the UN's butter of the took of the UN's butter of the UN' banian leadership.

Since the assault began, thousands of ethnic Albanians, who make up 90 percent of the province's 2 million people, have fled their homes.

Several small villages in central Kosovo, like Lansa, remain ringed by police, with those inside not daring to leave their homes. All phone lines and electricity to these villages have been cut. There are continuing reports of shooting in several of these areas.

The withdrawal of the Red Cross came as about 300 ethnic Albanians walked for hours early Wednesday morning to the town of Prekaz, where the heaviest fighting took place in an attack mounted last Thursday.

The men used picks and shovels to dig up the bodies of 53 victims, most of whom died in the town and who were hastily buried on a hillside Tuesday night by Serbian policemen.

The farmers, their pants and shoes covered with mud, cupped their hands in front of their lips every few minutes to ward off a bitter wind that whipped across the hillside. When they reached the wooden coffin lids they lifted the boxes, including 14 small ones for chil-

dren, from the graves. In an effort to identify 18 bodies that remain unclaimed, the men pried open coffins that lacked small pieces of paper nailed on the lids with the names of those

lamic religious practices. Only one of the unidentified bodies Death.'

All the bodies were reburied facing toward Mecca in accordance with Is-

was recognized by the crowd by the

afternoon. properly identify and mourn our dead is a deficit, which would have to be financed a sacrilege," said Mehmet Qullaku, the by foreign borrowing. head of the burial committee. "We have asked only to give our

the Senate Foreign Relations Commit-

neighbors a dignified religious burial and to determine how they died. Is this PILOTS: too large a demand? What kind of a too large a demand? What kind of a relationship do the Serbs expect from us Facing Punishment when they treat us like this?

Most of the victims were killed in the village when security forces surrounded it last Thursday.

Prekaz, the home of Adem Jashari, the rebel leader who was killed in the attack, was a stronghold of the outlawed Kosovo Liberation Army, which is fighting for a separate state. The rebels fired back at the police from some homes in the village.

The nighttime burial, carried out

against the wishes of the families of the victims, appeared to be an effort by the Serbs to thwart efforts to send international forensic experts and to block a huge gathering of embittered mourners.

A funeral for 24 people killed in the sweep last week drew 30,000 mourn-

Most people trying to enter Prekaz, including nearly all family members, were turned back at police checkpoints

on Wednesday. Prekaz is desolate, with over half the mud and wattle homes now little more

than black ruins. Policemen, many wearing hoods to avoid identification, watched the mourn-

ers from a distance. An armored personnel carrier was parked 100 meters from the field where the men hacked away at the dark, brown earth that covered the coffins. On the wall of one of the houses were

the Serbian words "For All Albanians Aviano base was less than forthcoming

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mander, the U.S. Army general Wesles Clark, senior American military officials have made clear their preference for keeping the matter in U.S. hands.

In such a case, the decision on whether to court-martial any of the crew members or apply some other punitive mea-sure would fall to Lieutenant General Peter Pace, who commands Marine forces in the Atlantic. Marine officials said General Pace would most likely order a review of the case to determine the men should face a criminal proceeding and, if so, on what charges.

■ Italy Pursues Its Own Inquiry The Prowler's four-man crew, op

temporary assignment at Aviano from the Marine Air Station at Cherry Point, North Carolina, is also the target of a civilian investigation by Italian authorities, The Associated Press reported.

The crew members, who have been grounded since the accident, could face serious charges if investigators say they were negligent, Their Italian lawyer suggested earlies

that the plane's altimeter might have malfunctioned, but subsequent tests re-

portedly showed that it was working.

The accident stirred strong anti-American feelings in Italy, especially when the at the outset with Italian investigators.

# CARS: In South Korea, Abuse for Foreign-Auto Owners Revs Up

paradoxically, even as Samsung Motors, the country's newest car maker, said it was close to a partnership deal with Ford Motor Co. of the United States, Samsung said its chief executive officer was flying boat, Mr. Kennedy's Hermes briefcase to Detroit for "serious talks" with Ford officials aimed at persuading Ford to invest in the company.

> its first cars to the Korean market last week, said its chief executive officer, Lee Dae Won, would meet Wayne Booker, Ford's vice chairman, 'to work out details of a strategic partnership" that might include anything from pro-duction of Ford's World Car through Samsung to joint production and dis-tribution of automobile parts.

Korea's struggle to extricate itself from economic turmoil that shows no real sign of abating in the coming months.

ments of patriotism and nationalism, as did the campaign to collect gold jewelry for foreign exchange, while providing a glimpse into the isolationism of this historically closed society.

appealed to Koreans to stop blaming them for their troubles.

"The hostile sentiment comes from a figure of 2,818,000. misconception of the situation." said

Nor did Mr. Yoon see any possibility that foreign cars would penetrate more deeply into the market. With foreigners now buying 80 percent of the foreign cars on the market here, he did not "really expect to maintain or even boost our market share in the middle of an

overall economic recession.' The recession has forced Korea "big three" manufacturers, Hyundai, Daewoo and Kia, to slow down or suspend production lines. Domestic sales grow much worse as unemployment last month fell below 100,000, down from 188,790 in February 1997, said the force of 21.7 million, the car dealers appealed to Koreans to stop blassing from 188,790 in represely from 188,790 in re

Foreign car dealers suggested that

Tuesday.

#### Continued from Page 1 The contrasting images of rejection of through investment and employment. foreign products and eagerness for foreign investment reflected two sides of

damage to the car, he said.

The plea for tolerance came, somewhat

Samsung Motors, which introduced

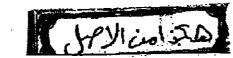
The anti-import drive mingles ele-

Fearful that such sentiment might

Mr. Yoon. "Foreign cars are not damaging but contribute to the economy toward the competition from abroad

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### INTERNATIONAL

# Polls Show Killings Spark Unrest in West Bank Killings Spark Um Col. A Fatah Chapter Calls for 'Clashes' With Settlers and Security Forces ion among ordinary Palestinians, inprocess, then certainly if the process, then certainly if the

DURA, West Bank — As three ratesinian laborers killed by Israeli soldiers were given a martyrs' burial here and violent protests spread in the West Army officers struggled on Wednesday to prevent the gathering annest from spinning out of control.

The killings at an army checkpoint on Tuesday seem to have ignited long simmering anger among Palestinians over a months-long deadlock in peace efforts. Stone-throwing clashes spread from Hebron to the laborers' village of Dura, as well as to the cities of Bethlehem and Ramallah.

In Hebron, soldiers fired rubbercoated metal bullets at rioters who burled rocks, bottles and firebombs, and . 16 Palestinians were wounded, two seriously. An additional 10 were reportedly wounded in Ramallah, one by a lewish settler who opened fire when his car was pelted with stones.

. Israeli Army officers held urgent meetings with their counterparts in the Palestinian police in an effort to put a lid on the violence, but mounting frustra-

tion among ordinary Palestinians, in-cluding followers of Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, seemed to be reach-

ing the boiling point.

Mr. Arafat has limited himself to condemning the killings as "a big crime" and has made no public calls for protest. But the Hebron chapter of his movement, Fatah, published its own leaflet Wednesday calling for "clashes with the gangs of settlers and occupation forces everywhere and with all means" on Thursday. The statement accused Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel of "blowing up" peace efforts, and labeled him "a malicious

racist. Marwan Barghouthi, the head of Fatah in the West Bank and a member of the Palestinian legislative council, said that the latest killings had aggravated growing despair during months of stalemate in peace efforts.

"There is deep disappointment in the hearts of the Palestinians," he said in an interview on Israeli Army radio.

"I expect that something will happen," he said. "I don't know if it will be this week or tomorrow morning, but if the peace process continues at a dead

end, if it deteriorates and there is no process, then certainly if there's no peace, there's violence.

Similar warnings were in evidence at the funeral of the three laborers, whose bodies were brought back to their village in a cortege led by Palestinian police jeeps flying Palestinian and black flags.

In Nablus, Palestinian policemen suspended joint patrols with Israeli troops for four days, and said they would also stop coordinating with Israel to allow the entrance of Jewish students who attend a seminary in Nablus. Israeli authorities evacuated the students, Israeli Army radio said.

The Israeli leader called Mr. Arafat on Tuesday evening to express his con-

The shooting occurred Tuesday evening at an army roadblock when a van carrying Palestinian workers returning from jobs in Israel tried to bypass a line of cars waiting at the roadblock.

The army said soldiers opened fire after the van struck and injured one of the soldiers. A Palestinian passenger said troops began shooting after the van sped up to prevent another car from cutting in front of the vehicle.

United States was among 17 people

convicted in absentia Tuesday and sen-

tenced to death, a judicial source said

Anwar Haddam, head of the group's parliamentary delegation, has lived in

the United States since 1993. He was

taken into custody in December 1996

after his visa expired, and has been

years in prison and two for five years -

were handed down to militants who

Four others were acquitted, the

Defense lawyers have accused state

The five suspects were among 26

members of the Islamic Front for the

Armed Jihad who have been tried for

attacks on an Algerian politician, a un-

prosecutors of relying solely on police

Five other sentences — three for 12

fighting deportation.

were convicted Tuesday.

accounts for evidence.

source said.



Deputies in the lower house of Congress displaying photos Wednesday "disappeared" Chileans as General Pinochet became a senator.

### Pinochet Takes Seat

VALPARAISO, Chile -- General Augusto Pinochet assumed the Senate seat Wednesday that he is entitled to hold for life, despite protests just outside Congress and displays by his colleagues inside of photos of dissidents killed during his 17-year dictatorship.

The army commander, who retired Tuesday, appeared unmoved, his arms crossed and occasionally smiling, as lawmakers from the governing coalition walked the Senate floor carrying the black-and-white photographs.

Policemen used water cannons and tear gas to scatter hundreds of protesters outside the Congress building in this port city near Santiago. (AP)

### Hanoi Trade Waiver

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton signed a waiver Wednesday exempting Vietnam from legislation that restricts trade with Communistled countries.

Acting on recommendations from Pete Peterson, the U.S. ambassador to Vietnam and others, Mr. Clinton asked Congress to exempt Hanoi Ragency reported Wednesday. from the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, The official called Fahd's condition which prevents normalized economic relations with a Communist country unless it permits free emigration.

The waiver will enable U.S. companies to qualify for a series of federal programs, including govern-

ment-backed financing from the U.S. Export-Import Bank, for their Vietnam projects.

## UNITA Is Legalized

LUANDA, Angola - The Angolan government turned the former rebel UNITA movement into a fullfledged political party Wednesday, lifting all bans on its activities.

The Government of Unity and National Reconciliation declared that "all obstacles banning UNITA ac-tivities have been lifted" and that the movement "may exercise its activities across the whole of the territory."

The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, known as UNITA, said Friday that it had demobilized its surplus military forces in line with a 1994 peace accord. (AFP)

# Saudi Denies Report

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates -An unidentified Saudi royal court official denied reports that King Fahd underwent surgery for a gall bladder infection, the official Saudi Press

"reassuring" and said the king did not require surgery, the agency said.

Officials at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh had said the king underwent emergency gall bladder surgery there Monday.

# Iran Ordered To Pay Family Of U.S. Victim Of Terrorism

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A federal judge ordered Iran on Wednesday to pay \$247.5 million in damages to the family of an American woman who was killed in a suicide bombing in Gaza in 1995.

The court is seeking to deter further terrorist actions by its action today," said Judge Royce Lamberth of U.S.

The victim, Alisa Flatow, a 20-yearold student from West Orange, New Jersey, was attending a Jerusalem semwhen she was killed along with seven Israeli soldiers on April 9, 1995. A suicide bomber drove a van into their bus in Gaza and blew it up.

The ruling is believed to be the first time U.S. citizens have been awarded punitive damages against a foreign nation accused of sponsoring terrorism. The decision leaves unanswered how much the Flatow family ultimately will receive.

The United States froze Iranian assets, valued at \$12 billion in 1979, after the overthrow of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi and the taking of U.S. hostages. A new law allows Americans to file suit in U.S. courts against another gov-

ernment's officials for damages from terrorism. Stephen Perles, a lawyer representing Stephen Flatow, Alisa's father, said the money could either come from the frozen funds or from Iranian assets in

other nations that recognize the jurisdiction of U.S. courts. During a hearing early this month, lawyers for the Flatows argued that Is-

lamic Jihad, the group blamed for the attack, was financed by the Iranian gov-ernment. That, they said, makes Tehran responsible for her death. In Jerusalem, David Bar-Illan, a senior aide to Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu, described the ruling as "a very, very important precedent that places the responsibility on terror-sponsoring nations for the actions carried out by their proxies." Terrorist acts against American cit-

izens will cause some pain back in the country that sponsors that kind of terrorism," Senator Frank Lautenberg, Democrat of New Jersey, said Wed-

Similar lawsuits are pending against the Libyan government, its intelligence agency and two of its intelligence officers as a result of the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie.

# Algiers Forces Said to Kill 146 Militants larnic Salvation Front being held in the

ALGIERS - Security forces sweeping through a western region wracked by recent massacres have killed 146 Muslim militants in recent days, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Among the 24 people killed in the latest clash overnight Sunday were two leaders of a local band of the Armed Islamic Group, Kaddour Taoui and his son Hachemi, an independent daily newspaper, La Tribune, reported.

The newspaper, quoting unidentified

sources, said troops in the area of Sidi Bel Abbes, 440 kilometers (260 miles) west of Algiers, had killed "146 terrorists," referring to the Islamic militants who have been fighting a 6-yearold insurgency.

The authorities did not confirm the operation, though there have been reports of new massacres of civilians in the region.

Hundreds of people were killed there in January.

Meanwhile, a top leader of the Is-

# **Dutch Speakers Build a Database Dike**

The Associated Press AMSTERDAM -- Linguists in the Low Countries, alarmed at the steady encroachment of English, are launching a quiet revolution to dish out more

Following in the footsteps of the fiercely protective French, who for years have crusaded to preserve the language of Moliere, linguists from the Netherlands and Belgium will begin compiling a 10-million-word electronic database of spoken Dutch.

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place and the European Union.

Unless Dutch machines are manufactured, English machines will become standard in the workplace.

Organizers say the project, set to get under way in July, is aimed at preserving the language in the work-

The database, which is expected to be completed within five years, will be used to develop voice-activated machinery, such as computers and dictation devices, that can respond to oral commands given in Dutch.

ion leader, artists and intellectuals. More than 75,000 people have died in the insurgency that flared up after the

military-backed government canceled parliamentary elections the Front was The party had promised to fight cor-

ruption and high unemployment.

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themselves against powerful ag-gressors, "they might just as well re-

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them were to try to violate the pro-

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in power could then threaten to quar-

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tell the president that Stalin fully ap-

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Roosevelt's Four Policemen, later

joined by France as the fifth, put them-

not work, to bomb some part of it."

proved the proposal.

security system was born.

IVERPOOL — On March

# Yes, Enlarge NATO

Full-scale hearings on NATO en-largement produced a U.S. Senate For-orientation on the unwanted wishes of eign Relations Committee vote on March 3 of 16 in favor of admitting Poland. Hungary and the Czech Republic, and two opposed. Support is bipartisan and spans most of the political spectrum. Some of those on the short side wish to delay a final vote for further study — of an issue that has been under scrutiny for more than five years. More reasonably, others wish a focused one-day debate prior to con-

sideration of ratification. The core issue remains what it has always been. Should America push its security frontier into the formerly Moscow-ruled territories liberated by the end of the Cold War? We share the proenlargement view that it is a fitting, prudent and desirable exercise of U.S. power to shelter the new democracies in an arc whose instability has repeatedly meant chaos, repression and war.

The contrary, anti-enlargement view is that such a reach would commit the United States to boundless new troubles and overwhelm Russia's pursuit of democracy, to boot.

The skeptics rightly set demanding standards for American assumption of a major new international responsibility. But supporters wield a powerful strategic case. To the common benefit, enlargement serves the stability of the region lying between an unpredictable Russia and the doughty but exposed new democracies of Central Europe. Enlargement has a further unique advantage: It keeps faith with people and values that Americans deeply prize. To ask countries emerging from decades of enforced subordination to Moscow

orientation on the unwanted wishes of Moscow is to us unthinkable.

The new Russia is not the old Soviet

The Senate action may center on amendments. John Warner would mandate a three-year pause after the first three new members are taken in shackle on executive flexibility. Daniel Patrick Moynihan would link a candidate's NATO membership to its prior accession to the European Union a proposal that Europe has already in effect rejected by its accession stall. John Ashcroft would restrict NATO's geopolitical reach - a matter properly iven to alliance consultation. Ted Stevens would reduce the American

Getting the Europeans to ante up is fair enough, but other proposed amendments have grave defects. The test is whether an amendment allows the United States and its allies - the secure democracies - to shelter the insecure democracies in a Europe with the best chance it has ever had to become whole, prosperous and free.

# **Choice for Puerto Rico**

In a historic move, the U.S. House of United States 100 years ago as spoils Representatives narrowly passed a bill last week to give 3.8 million Puerto Ricans the right to vote on whether the island should retain its current commonwealth status, seek statehood or become independent.

The United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act, sponsored by Representative Don Young of Alaska, requires that a vote be held on the three options by the end of this year. If either statehood or independence receives a majority, the president and Congress would be asked to develop a transition plan, and give final approval to a status change within 10 years. If none of the options receive a majority vote, the current status would be unchanged, and another referendum would be held within 10 years.

Both the Republican and the Democratic platforms have long supported Pueno Kican self-delemination. Yet Congress has repeatedly failed to give islanders a say on their political status. With House passage of the bill, its future now depends on Trent Lott, the Senate majority leader, who has been unenthusiastic about the issue. The Senate would dishonor democratic values by shelving this bill.

Puerto Rico was acquired by the

Union. But it is not yet the new Russia of its own high aspirations, either. Already, NATO, to accommodate Russia, has made structural changes so far-reaching and so favorable to Moscow as to stir serious apprehensions of "dilution" of the alliance. Russian officials pocket these gains and ask for more. Attentiveness to Russian political priorities is all very well, but there is a point at which the soliciting -Russian or American - of deference to a Russian "psychological factor" verges on the frivolous.

share of alliance costs.

from the Spanish-American War. Its residents are American citizens who have been subject to the draft and federal laws. But they do not pay federal income taxes, do not elect members of Congress and cannot vote for president. This diminished status does have

support among islanders who worry

that statehood would jeopardize the

island's distinctive heritage. But language issues and other important questions can be addressed when Puerto Ricans debate their choices. The proposed bill would allow them to decide their future with the assurance that Congress would

not ignore the result. In a 1993 nonbinding plebiscite, 48 percent of Puerto Ricans voted for commonwealth status, 46 percent for statehood and 4 percent for independence. A majority may still prefer commonwealth status, and even if islanders vote for statehood or independence, Congress would be able to

manage the transition. In any case, the Senate would be wrong to prevent political self-determination for American citizens when it supports that right for people else-

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# Other Comment

## Israel's 'Bargaining Chips'

The [Israeli] Supreme Court has again ventured down a slippery slope in the area of human rights. Through the court's repeated backing, administrative detention has become a routine phenomenon, and as a result hundreds of Palestinians are being held in prolonged captivity without trial, under pretext that they pose a threat to local security. Now the Supreme Court has put its stamp of approval on a new disgrace.

In a ruling handed down four months ago and partially made public last week, it has authorized the continued detention of Lebanese citizens who have been imprisoned for many years, simply because they can be 'bargaining chips' in an effort to locate and release [Israeli] soldiers who

are captive or missing in action. One disgrace leads to another. The ground has now been cleared for the tinlimited detention of foreign nationals even when the state acknowledges that they do not represent a security threat.

In its fight against organizations that oppose the occupation of Lebanon, Israel has thus adopted its enemies' methods: kidnapping hostages and keeping their identity secret. When it comes to Arabs, Israel is an avid jailer.

The prolonged occupation of the territories has already corrupted Israel's

moral character beyond recognition. The occupation of South Lebanon has corrupted it even more.

 Gideon Levy, commenting in Ha' aretz (Tel Aviv).

Last November, in a decision that has become known only in recent days, a panel of the Israeli Supreme Court ruled that the detention of the Lebanese is permissible. However "grave and painful" a violation of human rights they are suffering, said the justices in a 2-1 decision, their captivity is justified by Israel's security needs and its continuing efforts to win the return of Israeli servicemen missing in Lebanon. In short, the justices sanctioned the seizing of Lebanese to be used as bargaining chips.

This is as wrongheaded and immoral a decision as any high court in a democratic country is likely to make. It approves state hostage-taking for political ends. It implicitly allows indefinite detention without charges. The rationale is protection of national security. But of course that is the rationale used in Iraq or Syria or Iran to ignore human rights and assert the primacy of the state over the rights of the individual. In the name of security against terrorism, Israel has co-opted the tactics of the terrorists.

— Los Angeles Times.

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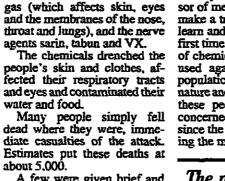
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about 5,000. A few were given brief and immediate treatment, which involved taking them to the United States, Europe or Iran. The majority of them returned

either from Iraq, Europe or America, or from any international agency, has monitored either the short- or the longterm consequences of this

chemical attack. Gwynne Roberts, a film director, made the award-winning film "The Winds of Death" about the attack in 1988. I saw this film, and it had a tremen-

dous effect on me. Gwynne revisited Halabja

#### By Max Jakobson

HELSINKI — As the search for for-bidden weapons resumes in Iraq, there is time before the inevitable next crisis to focus attention on the larger selves in charge of international peace and security, empowered to order ecoissue of what can be done to prevent the nomic sanctions or "take such action spread of instruments of mass destruction. Saddam Hussein is not the only by air, sea or land forces as be necessary to maintain or restore interna-

The idea of using air strikes ori-ginated in the White House well before tional peace and security." The idea of disarming the small states was of course abandoned. "The the present occupant was born. It was in May 1942, at a dinner given by Preseagles must let the smaller birds sing," Winston Churchill advised his colident Franklin D. Roosevelt in honor of leagues, adding that the eagles need not take much notice of what the smaller Vvacheslav Molotov, foreign minister of the Soviet Union. Roosevelt told his guest that he thought "the United States, Russia, birds might be singing. But only the Five Policemen were licensed to carry England and possibly China should po-lice the world and enforce disarmament nuclear weapons. Later, biological and

chemical weapons were banned. During the Cold War, the ban on nuclear weapons was enforced once by the method recommended by Roosevelt in 1942. It was done by the Israeli air force, which in 1980 destroyed a French-built nuclear reactor in Iraq.

Biological or chemical weapons are more clusive targets. The Iraqi invasion of Kuwait finally

roused the Five Policemen to take action. It was a rare moment in history. The five powers, each for its own reasons, found it in their interest to support, or at least not oppose, military action by the United States and its allies for the purpose of freeing Kuwait.

The Soviet Union under Mikhail Gorbachev joined in, to prove its cre-

exacerbate the diplomatic boycott they had been subjected to since the Tiananmen massacre in 1989. The British acted in the spirit of their special relationship with the United States. The French made their usual detour before

lining up with the West. Today the configuration of interests is different. In Western countries, politicians have no stomach for military action that could cause significant casualties in their own ranks or "collateral damage" on the other side. Russia and China, never squeamish about use of force in their own interest, assert their independence by opposing military ac-

tion by the "sole superpower."
The United States thus is like a magnet that both attracts and repulses. The other four governments determine their positions less on the merits of the case under discussion than by the state of their relations with the United States.

The role of the UN Security Council, too, varies within the context of the shifting relations among the five permanent members. It serves sometimes as a scapegoat when things go wrong, or provides an alibi for inaction. Its resolutions are often as obscure and ambiguous as were the famous prononncements of the Delphic oracle.

The exact meaning of the recent Security Council resolution on arms in-

Does the Security Council Need a Demonstration. dentials as a member of the world com-munity. The Chinese leaders abstained from using their veto, so as not to

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Will the Five Policemen at last the

cognize the value of the Security Ca cil as a tool for constructive ac instead of using it as an arena ka battle among national egos? The

record does not support optimism.

The governments of the major powers have been reactive, not constructed Bosnia is a case in point. A massage. the center of Sarajevo was needed mobilize an international force canal

of putting an end to the war.

Do we now need a real-life dentistration of the horrifying effects of the
clogical or chemical weapons to
vanize the Security Council into effective action?

The writer, a former Finnish on bassador to the United Nations, at tributed this comment to the Interes. tional Herald Tribune.

# Halabja, 10 Years On: Still Poisoned in Body and Spirit

By Christine Gosden

∟16, 1988, an Iraqi military strike subjected Halabja, a last year, and was concerned Kurdish town of 45,000 in that many of the survivors seemed very ill. He could not northern Iraq, to bombardment with the greatest attack of understand why no one had tried chemical weapons ever used to find out what was happening against a civilian population. to them. He convinced me that The chemical agents used were a "cocktail" of mustard this was something I had to do.

Why would a female professor of medical genetics want to make a trip like this? I went to learn and to help. This was the first time that a terrible mixture of chemical weapons had been nsed against a large civilian population. I wanted to see the nature and scale of the problems these people faced, and was concerned that in the 10 years since the attack no one, including the major aid agencies, had

The people of Halabja need immediate help.

Since then, no medical team, visited Halabja to determine exactly what the effects of these weapons had been.

I was worried about possible effects on congenital malformations, fertility and cancers, not just in women and children but in the whole population. I also feared that there might be other major long-term effects, such as blindness and neurological damage, for which there is no

known treatment. What I found was far worse than anything I had suspected. These chemicals seriously affected people's eyes and respiratory and neurological systems. Many became blind. Skin disorders which involve severe scarring are frequent, and many progress to skin cancer.

Working in conjunction with the doctors in the area, I compared the frequency of conditions such as infertility, congenital malformations and cancers (including skin, head, neck, respiratory system, gastrointestinal tract, breast and childhood cancers) in those who were in Halabja at the time with an unexposed population

from a city in the same region. We found that the frequencies in Halabja are at least three to four times greater, even 10 years after the attack.

An increasing number of children are dying each year of leukemias and lymphomas. The cancers tend to occur in much younger people in Halabja than elsewhere, and many people have aggressive tumors, so that mortality rates are high. No chemotherapy or radiotherapy

is available in this region. I found that there was also a total lack of access to pediatric surgery to repair the major heart defects, hare lip and cleft palate or other major malformations in the children. This meant that children in Halabja are dying of heart failure when children with

have had surgery and would probably have survived in Britain or the United States.

It was agonizing for me to see beautiful children whose faces were disfigured by hare lip and cleft palate, when I know that skilled and gifted surgeons correct these defects every day in North America and Europe. The neuropsychiatric con-

sequences are seen as human tragedy on every street, in almost every house and every ward of the hospital. People weep and are in great distress because of their severe depression, and suicidal tendencies are alarmingly evident. The surgeons often have to remove bul-lets from people who have

failed in their suicide attempts. Many people have neurological impairment or long-term neuromuscular effects. Most people cannot afford even the cheapest treatment or drugs, and so are reluctant to come to the hospital. At present, even for those with life-threatening seen or reported before. conditions, there is no effective therapy for any of these con-

ditions in Halabja. The findings of serious congenital malformations with genetic causes occurring in children born years after the chemical attack suggest that the effects from these chemical warfare agents are transmitted

to succeeding generations. Miscarriage, infant deaths and infertility mean that life is not being replenished in this

community. The people hoped that after the attack they could rebuild the families and communities that had been destroyed. The inability to do so has led to increasing resent man triumphant and sucdespair. Their lives and hopes

have been shattered. One survivor described being in a cellar with about a hundred other people, all of whom died during the attack. Not only do those who survived have to cope with memories of their relatives suddenly dying in their arms, they have to try to come to terms with their own painful diseases and those of their sur-

viving friends and relatives. For instance, many people have more than one major condition, including respiratory problems, eye conditions, neurological disorders, skin problems, cancers and children with congenital malformations and childhood handicaps such as mental handicap, cerebral palsy and Down's syndrome.

Ten years after the attack people are suffering a wide spectrum of effects, all of which

the same heart defects could are attributable to long term damage to DNA. A radio broadcast was made the day before our arrival to significant.

people who were ill to come in the hospital to record their printlems. On the first day, 700 people came; 495 of them had two or more major problems The cases we encountered were extremely sad.

The people of Halabia need immediate help. There is a need for specialists (such as pediatric surgeons), equipment and drugs. Even more basic is the need for heat, clean water and careful efforts to safering them against further attacks.

We have to realize that the is very little medical or scients.

ic knowledge about how to trest the victims of a chemical weapons attack like this effectively. We need to listen, think and evaluate with skill, since many of these people have had exposures to strange combinations of toxic gases. They have conditions that have not been

ledge about how to treat the problems resulting from these We have virtually no know terrible weapons, which have been used to more inhumane effect than ever before.

The pictures beamed around the world after the attack-in 1988 in newspapers and on television were horrifying One picture was of a father who died

The statue in the road at the that picture. This is not a traditional statue of someone standing proud and tured in stone or bronze to ref cessful, but of a man programs and agonized, dying in the act of

settled like a toxic psycholo proved hard to dispel; it intensified as I met the people, bean of the long-term illnesses.

ation recur in my nightmanes and disturb my waking thoughts Perhaps these thoughts persist so vividly as a reminder that the help for these people.

medical genetics at the University of Liverpool. This com-

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## 1898: Filipino Rising

MADRID - The Government attaches little importance to the rising at Bolinao, the inconvenience of which is the interruption of telegraphic communication with the Philippines. The rising is the work of a native priest who refused to surrender with the other insurgent leaders. The Imparcial states that Senor Leon y Castillo's visit to Madrid is to arrange with the Government to call the attention of the French Republic to the efforts made by American and Cuban fillibusters residing in Paris to persuade the Philippine insur-

LONDON — The arrival of Paul Whiteman from New York will intensify the campaign against the American jazz-band invasion

asserts that hundreds of musicians are unemployed Minister of Labor has ruled if American jazz-bands ace engagements other than in the ers they must employ at least per cent of British musicians

# 1948: Truman's Call

WASHINGTON — President Truman asked Congress for additional \$55,000,000 to help tide western Europe over unit the European Recovery Program is enacted. President Trums said: "The events which have taken place in Europe during recent weeks do not permit as will safety or prudence to risk a brea in supply and flow at this more ment." The Truman request was made against the background of Jan Masaryk's death in Czeck oslovakia. Another event wa the proposal by the Russians that Finland enter into negotiations for a military pact as well as a friendship agreement.

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The writer is a professor of ment is adapted from a longer article in The Washington Po

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# Sovereignty vs. Human Rights Kosovo, at last, is provok-

PARIS — The "right of in-terference" was asserted, and hailed in the circumstances, when some of the Gulf War allies decided they had to do something to protect the millions of Kurds under attack

in northern Iraq in 1991. The idea, put forward by France, was that where egregious and widespread crimes against life and human rights were being perpetrated, the tra-ditional rule of nonintervention on the territory of a sovereign

state should be suspended. On its face, it is a generous and moral precept, accepting that there is some international responsibility when outrageous suffering is inflicted on people even by their own rulers. But it is very difficult to apply in this age of transition when the universality of basic human rights is gaining general recognition but the principle of absolute state sovereignty re-mains the fundamental thesis

of international relations. Every case has its problems, its urgencies and its arguments for and against. Three situations now in the headlines — Afghanistan, Algeria, Kosovo - reflect the dilemma. When

and how the moral imperative requires us to "be my brother's keeper' are questions difficult to answer. The widespread campaign "A Flower for the Women of Kabul" is an example. It is organized by the European Union's humanitarian agency and Doctors Without Borders

despicable, inhumane policy. But who should "put pressure," and how? As a humanitarian agency, Doctors Without Borders feels it inappropriate to answer. Some suggest cutting off foreign butchered scream for help that aid, but that is often all that never comes.

By Flora Lewis

these virtually imprisoned women have left to live on. Emma Bonino, the EU's prived of a livelihood but men

soon have no care.

Afghan women remains goodwill and nothing more. International revulsion has finally been stirred against the daily massacres in Algeria. but that, too, is still expressed only in words. The EU sent a delegation to Algiers, which politely accepted the govern-ment's stand that outsiders Taleban regime to change its must do nothing but support the government's failed anti-

The fanatic Afghan regime has been recognized only by Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, so sovereignty is not a self-evident issue to constrain other states. But it is already widespread, if unavowed, outside intervention that has kept the war going, involving such a tangle of geopolitical and economic interests (mainly involving proposed pipelines) that the "international community" is far from any consensus. So the campaign for

to draw attention to the desperation of Afghan women and to "put pressure" on the went home.

ing some serious attention.

commissioner for humanitarian affairs, points out that by denying women the right to work, not only have the long war's many widows been desuffer, too, because most of the doctors and teachers have been women while the men

went off to the battlefields. It is a policy of slow na-tional suicide, another version of the Khmer Rouge madness. Since women cannot study anymore and male doctors cannot treat them, they will

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The poisonous Serbian army and police repression has been going on for a long time, since Slobodan Milosevic launched his Serbian nationalist campaign by revoking Kosovo's

autonomy in 1989. Ninety percent of the people are ethnic Albanians. President George Bush drew a "red line" at Kosovo early in the Yugoslav war when it was feared that Serbian ethnic cleansing there might draw Albania, Macedonia, Greece, Bulgaria and

Turkey into a general Balkan conflagration. Mr. Milosevic, much involved in Bosnia, respected it for a time. But now he has gone on the warpath against a newly active Kosovo guerrilla movement. It draws local support because people are fed up with waiting for their nonviolent leadership to produce improvement. They had placed their hopes in "pressure" from the "international community." They have a point in saying that their plight is no-

ticed only when they start to

This time there has been at least a political response from the major powers, although none support the Kosovo wish for independence. How they expect to pacify Kosovo while respecting Serbia's insistence on undiluted sovereignty remains to be seen. At least they are not pretending anymore that the danger of war will go away by itself. When a "right of interfer-

fight for themselves.

Algeria is a sovereign state an inescapably interdependent world. It is a matter of how consistently politics can be brought to promote principle. Flora Lewis.

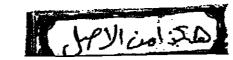
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# Refighting an Iraqi War That Never Really Ended

By Jim Hoagland

CHICAGO—It is akin to ask-ing Michelangelo what he done some things differently" if the Iraqi collapse had been prewould change on the Sistine Chapel ceiling. Or demanding of the other divine Michael (as in Jordan) how he could improve his giump shot. Who quarrels with sublimity in art or athletics?

But such questioning is pos-sible and advisable in war. War is la messy, imperfect trade, a series of inadequately informed guesses investigated by thrusts sealed in steel and fire. The generals and admirals who practice the trade even the architects of that most glittering military campaign. Op-eration Desert Storm — are will-ing to confront what they would do differently if they could.

I listened recently to a group of senior officers who planned and directed the six-week war against Iraq do just that. They gathered near here to discuss the flaws they could identify in retrospect in their campaign, which ended seven years ago this month. They met in the shadow of one more inconclusive U.S. confrontation with Saddam Hussein, the brigand Desert Storm failed to unsaddle.

"From an operational perspective, very little went wrong," said retired General Walt Boomer of dorsed by the officers and military historians assembled by the U.S. Naval Institute at the McCormick Foundation's military museum in Cantigny, Illinois.
But as General Boomer com-

pared notes with other retired commanders there - Admiral Stanley Arthur, Lieutenant General Charles Horner of the air force and Lieutenant General John Yeosock of the army — doubts emerged that are not reflected in the war memoirs of the two generals who were their bosses, General Norman Schwarzkopf and General Colin Powell, the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman.

The day's discussions exposed a picture of American misjudgments that have contributed to keeping Saddam Hussein in power. While the military overestimated the enemy's might, President George Bush underestimated the Iraqi's ability to survive if given just a little breathing room.

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'There was an initial miscalculation about the strength and morale of the Iraqis," General Boomer said. "We might have

dicted, including moving on to Basra in southern Iraq.

The political misjudgment by Washington, which Admiral Arthur said sought to limit the damage inflicted on Iraq, was far more

"It became clear that the U.S. leadership wanted me to leave Iraq's port facilities, its oil offloading equipment and commer-cial shipping alone," Admiral Ar-thur said. No direct order was conveyed to him, but the pattern of restraint was clear in the targets he was told to avoid. "And Saddam has been able to bootleg' exports and imports through those ports ever since, he added.

The day's discussion also emphasized that coalition troops were not expected to destroy the army they were fighting. One battle objective was to leave Iraq with enough forces to defend itself against Iran, said a British general, Sir Peter de la Billière.

And when Iraq asked to fly armed helicopters as part of the cease-fire, General de la Billière said General Schwarzkopf was right to agree: "The Iraqis were responsible for re-establishing law and order. You could not administer the country without using the helicopters."

Law and order? From Saddam Hussein's troops? Spare Iraq's ports while fighting that nation? How does this relate to great military strategy?

The generals meeting in Cantigny were not simply refighting the last war. They were grappling with the strategic problem of the future of war:

That problem is the gap be-tween the American military's vast destructive capacity and the limited ability of American leaders to use it, especially against outlaw regimes. The American Goliath is loath

to fight to complete victory in such a mismatch. Complete victory over a much weaker foe brings encumbering consequences for a moral nation. America's unwillingness to ac-

cept the responsibilities of victory lies at the heart of the paradox of a brilliant military campaign that seven years later is politically un-

The Washington Post.



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Resentment in Jordan

Regarding "Jordanians Vent Dismay with King" (Feb. 27):

This article reports that Human Rights Watch assailed the 'marked deterioration in respect for basic freedoms" in Jordan after the government put some restrictions on the news media and on freedom of assembly. But the blame for this, despite what a few self-serving and politically myopic academics say, cannot be laid at the door of King Hus-

When King Hussein experimented with democracy and political pluralism as far back as 1958, he was rewarded with an attempt on his life. His recent efforts to liberalize and open up politics are being eroded by the atavistic demands of a motley of yesterday's men with a fossilized vision of the world - Islamists, nationalists, Communists or those with a severe dose of Israeli-phobia.

King Hussein, who is essentially a modernist and a liberal ar heart, finds himself torn between the devil and the deep blue

The Jordanians in Maan who went on the rampage in support of Saddam Hussein, one of the most

they do not live in Iraq, where they would have been gassed to death by their beloved idol.

It is precisely because they are fortunate enough to live in the most open state in the Middle East that they can protest the way they did and still go back home in one

> KAMAL TAWFIQ NIMRI. Irbid, Jordan.

#### Despicable Journalism

Regarding "A Lesson From Fleet Street" (Opinion, March 4). by John Micklethwait: I am appalled at Mr. Mickleth-

wait's approval of British tabloid journalism that "is not especially fussy about facts." Perhaps Mr. Micklethwait has

forgotten that Senator Joseph Mc-Carthy, who abused an important podium in the early 1950's, was not especially fussy about facts

Without a steady stream of carefully checked, fairly presented facts flowing through reliable journalistic media, it is difficult or voters to participate effectively in democratic government. But perhaps that is precisely

why British tabloids, and increasbrutal despots in Arab history, ingly broadsheets, fill their

should count themselves lucky columns with "news" of bread and circuses. B. PICCTITO.

Fetcham, England.

#### Skating on Thin Ice

Regarding "Figure Skating May Be Lovely, but That Doesn't Make It a Sport" (Sports, Feb. 21), by Michael Wilbon:

Mr. Wilbon probably thought this was a clever piece of writing, but I found it just plain silly. Others might have found it insulting, particularly those who put in long hours preparing for competition.

The skating competition at the Nagano Games yielded nothing to, say, ice hockey in terms of physical exertion, drama and exuberance. Let Mr. Wilbon go back to sports governed by stopwatches and goalposts, and let the rest of us enjoy a sport full of stamina, artistry and beauty.

RON POPESKL Büchasest.

'Any time a man can be awarded a gold medal when he's dressed like a butterfly or dinner mint (there, I said it) isn't a sport" is one of the funniest things I have read in a sports article.

JULIA PECK.

# A Bitter Pill to Swallow: No Birth-Control Coverage

By Ellen Goodman

Yes, that one, the oral contraceptive that was dropped into mid-century mores with such an impact that it was forever after known simply as The Pill.

Americans have discovered a new irony on the prescription

### MEANWHILE

pad: The only pill your health insurance may not pay for is the one we call The Pill.

This is the crux of the new conversation about women's health and wealth. How did we get to a place where we treat birth control differently from all other health care?

The Georgia Legislature last month took up a bill that would make insurance companies pay for contraceptives if they pay for other prescription drugs. At the hearing, insurance lobbyists greatly outweighed women's health advocates and the bill was shuttled back to subcommittee. But this is an issue cropping up everywhere from Connecticut to California.

It has become a reality check for women combing through the fine print of their health policies. And it has become a sincerity check for politicians who like to talk about preventing unwanted pregnancies and abortions.

Right now 97 percent of all large group plans pay for prescription drugs, but only a third cover oral contraceptives. Meanwhile, 85 percent of insurance plans pay for sterilizations, but only half pay for any contraceptives at all.

Historically, women have had a hard time getting reproductive health care into the medical mainstream. Margaret Sanger, after all, had to smuggle diaphragms into America in brandy bottles.

Insurance companies have also treated reproductive health, shall we say, differently. It took an act of Congress a generation ago just to get all of them to cover preg-

More to the historic point, insurers favor treatment over prevention. They have only gradually begun to cover such things as annual exams and uterine-cancer tests. They cover what is "medically necessary" and in compa-

A TLANTA — Now for a brief nies where sisterhood is not yet powerful, many believe that birth powerful, many believe that birth control is not necessary.

That helps explain why women of reproductive age pay 68 per-cent more than men in out-ofpocket expenses for health care. A big chunk goes to birth control. The pill alone can cost \$24 a month.

Some women are making hard economic choices between pay-ing their bills and buying pills, says Senator Olympia Snowe, Re-publican of Maine. She is pushing federal legislation introduced last year by a "dream team" of antiabortion and abortion-rights Re-publicans and Democrats. The Equity in Prescription Insurance and Contraceptive Coverage Act may get a hearing this election year. Meanwhile, Virginia has become the first state to pass legislation. California is in the wings and Alaska and Connecticut are likely to follow.

This movement has given family planning advocates a nice political jolt. As Gloria Feldt, president of Planned Parenthood, says: "A public that is very tired of arguing about abortion is more than ready to help prevent the need for it through family planning. It's not only a good issue for us, it's absolutely essential for

It has also flushed out the antibirth-control opposition. The American Life League is fighting against the idea because it "ignores the tragic physical, emo-tional and spiritual side effects of all contraceptives."

The remarkable part of this re-

newed conversation about the uninsured pill is how few women protested the hole in their coverage or their pocketbooks until now. We accepted the responsibility for the use, payment and failure of birth control.

As for the insurance companies? Half of all the pregnancies in Georgia are unintended. Insurers may hate mandates, but why not volunteer? The pill costs about \$300 a year; one birth costs about \$4,000. You do the math. As Ms. Feldt says, "they should be clamoring to pay for birth control.'

Well, don't wait for the clamor. But in the end, the pill they'll swallow may not be such a bitter

The Boston Globe

## **PARIS FASHION**

# McQueen Makes Peace With His Heritage

By Suzy Menkes

International Herald Tribune ARIS - Whoever can cut it in French fashion wears the crown — and Alexander McQueen with his rapier-sharp seaming, nel is jousting for the throne.

The Givenoby armored silhouettes and steel-gray flan-

. The Givenchy collection that the 28year-old British designer sent out Wednesday was powerful, aggressive and precision-cut with exceptional skill, and it addressed a woman who has a lot of attitude. French attitude. Sheaths of buttery leather, suits with right-angle shoulders and stiletto heels are not for fashion's fainthearted. They are the antithesis of sporty American slouch

But McQueen made the show work by force of character and sleight of hand. He did his own classics — the draped cowl necks, the Joan Crawford dresses and bants wide and cuffed under sleek jackets. But familiar pieces were re-worked with complex seams to give a dress of technique that makes a sheath fit like an hour glass and a slip snake across the of patient pieces. Some of his warrior women looked a bit like Thierry Mugler's. But others — especially a black evening coat sculpted in airy fabric and straight up-and-down tailoring. A whiff the sleek jumpsuits — touch the design soul of Hubert de Givenchy.

After originally markets

made peace with his heritage, realizing perhaps that his own aesthetic corresponds to the linear grandeur of couture in

its glory years.
So McQueen isn't really so modern?



His Givenchy clothes are classic with a modern edge, sharpened with silver nails, firmly upswept hairdos and electric blue flashes of sequins. You can love the look or leave it, but in three seasons McQueen has created a coherent look for Givenchy that in its hard-edged way is very haute conture.

So we have had hip couture and hot couture, but here's something you never thought to see on a Paris runway: slut coutmre.

The collection that Stella McCartney. another cool Brit, sent out for Chloe on Wednesday looked trashy, from its searing green and pink satin dresses, to the way they clung in all the wrong places. Add spiky heels and punk belts. The fledgling designer compounded

that with a campy, sex-pot presentation in which models stripped down to seethrough camisoles above pencil skirts. Hooker chic has been used by designers from Mugler through the late Gianni Versace, but always with a basis

McCartney does not have those skills. although she can cut a mean pant and of the 1970s, in coats over flaring pants,

although not new, looked cool. But the After originally trashing the designer idea of showing a big collection in a huge tent, decked out with rose petals made neace with his heritage realizing lamb to the slaughter. The clothes cer-tainly looked more spring than fall with light ruffled dresses and low neck lines where bosoms were plonked like ice cream scoops.

There were some pretty, ultra-feminine outfits. But only in the finale, when the models came out holding hands like best buddies, did the clothes seem tailor made for sweet young things.

ONTRAST that with the subtle take on femininity by the Belgian Veronique Branquinho, one of the young designers who have created an alternative underground season to the official calendar

Branquinho re-invented the skirt for a generation that has barely worn them. From a curved waistband, they broke into flat plears that might be twisted from the thighs; others in leather had seams like umbrella spines. With skirts or long coats went turtleneck sweaters in clear colors - grass green, pink or white. It was a clean modern collection with no tricks - give or take the black gumshiekds.

Most of the new wave are in thrall to John Galliano or McQueen, but there were fluid, sexy pieces from Jerome Dreyfuss that made the collection his own. Olivier Theyskens, another Belgian, only 20 years old, had a dramatic haunted house background, but showed some refined tailoring using redbordered and initialed tea towels.

The exhilarating energy and enthusiasm of the new arrivals contrast with pening, it had a surreal charm.



Givenchy's fur-collared jacket.

the precious and often pretentious artis of the earlier avant-garde. Their take is that a designer's occurre is always a work in progress. At Comme des Garcons, that message

was relentlessly repeated, with sweetfaced models in perfectly tailored outfits that incorporated an unfinished effect. So a dress would fall pure and clean with knife sharp pleats - and then turn to reveal itself as an apron front with woolly leggings displayed in retreat. Or a crisp striped shirt would grow from one side into a swooshing tail.

Rei Kawakubo described the sudden conjunctures and overlaps as "fusion." Yet there is something frustrating about these exercises in construction when the end product could - and can - be so beautiful. Some of the half-dresses were classics, and a few complete, precise coats, in plaques of gray and cream, were exquisite. More! More!

With his Hermes collection under his wrap and tie belt, Martin Margiela could allow himself the indulgence of turning his own presentation into the theater of the absurd. An interminable grainy film of models in and out of clothes (and focus) gave way to giant marionettes being manipulated across the stage in what might, on a human body, have been well-cut clothes.

finished threads that dangled from the booklet, lucidly written by the art critic Sydney Picasso to explain the clothes she was lucky enough to see. Even at the event produced a very 11:30 at night, as an art house hap-

It was all a metaphor for the un-

### LAID BACK IN HOLLYWOOD Belle Publishing. \$24.95, \$16.95 paper. Reviewed by Carolyn See

THIS unaffected, unpretentious mem-1 oir by Patricia Medina Cotten, the widow of the film star Joseph Cotten, could serve as a companion piece to David Thomson's recent collection of essays on Hollywood life and art, "Beneath Mulholland: Thoughts on Hollywood and Its Ghosts." Both of these authors were born British. They are both educated, smart and seem well enough brought up. Both seem fairly sure they

know the "real" Hollywood. Thomson sees the town as a sinister city of mysteries: "Everyone lies!" he says, and states it as irrefutable fact.

She was and is no stranger to theatrical myths and places; she has great respect for the magical quality of her own life, as well as her husband's. Her first memories go back to before World War II, when she grew up carefree and privileged in an English country house where she was one of three sisters in a very happy family. She weathered the Blitz, got through the war, became the actress Patricia Medina, married a pleasant English actor, came to Hollywood, got divorced, began to make a living and build a life.

She lived in a bungalow at the fabled Garden of Allah, had a couple of lovers, went to wonderful parties, gadded about the world making some of those big '50s movies that got filmed on the European continent with multilingual casts. She did some time as a straight contract player with the big Hollywood studios, but that wasn't much of a success.

Louis B. Mayer forgot about her entirely, and her dark tresses assured her a string of roles as a run-of-the-mill bad girl in fairly forgettable films.

She spoke several languages, was wife had recently died. David O. Selzhow always very well known but never wife, Jennifer Jones, arranged the wed really famous. Why didn't she become a ding at their house. bigger star? On Page 46 she blames it on not taking Samuel Goldwyn's advice to she writes: "It never occurred to me that I should have helped myself and worked at becoming known like most of these famous actresses that I was resenting and envying."

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A business associate accused her of being too "laid back," of not caring sufficiently. Still, she worked with Rex Harrison, Jimmy Stewart, Alan Ladd, James Mason, Orson Welles, Glenn Ford and, of course, Joseph Cotten.

When the Garden of Allah was torn down, Medina moved across the street to the Chateau Marmont, even in those days a racy place, and made friends with Fred Astaire, David Niven, Cole Porter. She was a self-described woman about town, always getting into scrapes with men who wanted her luscious body and — since it was the puritanical '50s always a little bit miffed about the state of her reputation, always seeming to be losing a piece of clothing or surprising someone who'd lost a piece of his clothing, always laughing — which sets the true, clear tone of this book.

A birthday party for Olivia de Havilland, for instance, was given in an authentic Japanese restaurant because de Havilland was born in Japan. Halfway through dinner, after platters of daunting raw fish, someone impudently whispered, 'I can't help but wish she'd been born in Paris." Medina got the giggles, then kicked someone so hard with her bare foot that she broke her toe. These were her halcyon days, and her sense of frank enjoyment, great good fortune, is as authentic here as a good gold necklace. Then, partly through Welles, Medina

very beautiful and managed to be some- nick badgered them into marriage; his So, on this happy and contented real-

life wavelength, Patricia Medina and go blond. More to the point, on Page 76 Joseph Cotten married, worked together, kept up with their circle of friends, met each other's families, traveled widely. They didn't have to ponder the myths and deceits of Hollywood; they were part of its real life. Then, after some years of happy marriage, Cotten had a massive stroke: He would live 13 more years, weathering rehabilitation, throat cancer and more rehabilitation, and hospitalizations in Palm Springs and Los

He and his wife became the recipients of favors, imaginative kind gestures from Jennifer Jones (now married to Norton Simon), from Dolores Hope, from many other women and men who keep the real - not the mythic - community of Hollywood together.

She knows her place in this communal life, and her role as a good and loyal wife. It's her premise, her whole belief system, that the people out there are decent, accomplished and worth caring about, that Hollywood is like the world, only a little bit better.

All this may not be true. It may be that venality rules there absolutely and that "everyone lies," but there are dozens of Hollywood wives who are quite different from the Jackie Collins kind - wives who work the charities and do the lunch parties and support their husbands through sickness and health and create the occasions that others are often pleased to remember. Lies, David Thomson would rage, nothing here is as it seems! But it seems real enough to this author, and to this reader.

Carolyn See reviews books regularly renewed a friendship with Cotten, whose for The Washington Post.

## BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

THE Betty Kaplan Teams I is the only event in New York City, and perhaps in North America, that requires the players to rotate partnerships. The title was snatched by a young foursome from a group of established stars. Jesus Arias, Shira Jacobson, Ann Mittman, all of Manhattan, and Albert Tom of Flushing, Queens, scored 80 victory points, I point ahead of Michael Rosenberg and Debbie Zuckerberg of Tuckahoe, New York, Mike Kamil of

Steve Weinstein of Glen Ridge, New Jersey. The diagramed deal from tricky ending. South landed in four spades after his partner

Holmdel, New Jersey, and

had used a second-round splinter to show a spade fit and South took two winners club four was led, a false card in the East-West methods, and South won with the jack. A club was led to the ace, a heart was ruffed, and the declarer attempted to cash the club king. He threw a heart from the dummy and East ruffed.

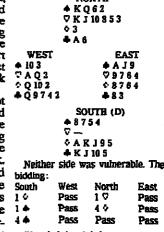
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and diamond shortage. The in that suit and ruffed a diamond. A heart ruff then left the ending shown at left. South, needing three tricks

would have prevailed if he had led a trump at this point, but he made a subtle error by leading the diamond jack. West made a dramatic discard of the heart ace, and suddenly the contract was unmakable. The heart jack was discarded from dummy. Now a trump lead would not have helped, for East would have won the queen with the

ace and led a heart, permitting the defense to score both the spade ten and the spade jack. Instead, South led diamond nine and West ruffed with the South spade three, not an obvious 10 play. South nuffed with the 1 4 spade queen, and East over- 44 ruffed with the ace. A heart

A diamond was returned, lead allowed West to score the spade 10 and return a club, promoting the spade jack as the setting trick. NORTE



Chloe's flimsy top and pencil skirt.

By John Schmid International Herald Tribune

empire suffered one setback after another, Deutsche Telekom AG

lot tougher. Germany's leading cyber-service has had its first taste of the brutal

Like AOL and its U.S. competitors competition that has stung the tradi-tionally monopolistic telephone operations of its parent.

In two years. America Online Inc., the world's biggest on-line service, has come out of nowhere in Europe and

France, U.S.-based AOL can offer jazzy percent for France.

pages and breezy browsing that analysts said T-Online could not yet match, allowing AOL to blaze a trail on the In-RANKFURT — As its business fobahn right into T-Online's home turf.

AOL does not hide its ambition to displace the incumbent. "No matter how could point with pride to at least one fierce the competition might be, our aim enduring success: its booming on-line is to be No. 1 in every European marand Internet access service called TOnline.

Solve 140. I in every samples and permittinger, chief executive of AOL's European operations, Now, to Telekom's dismay, even called AOL-Bertelsmann Europe keeping T-Online on top has become a GmbH, the joint venture between the

> Prodigy and CompuServe a few years ago, these two European products are essentially the same: They both have Internet access, E-mail and sites to message other users about special interests.

The on-line sweepstakes in Germany, aggressively begun to siphon off po-tential users who once flocked to T-cations market, confer rich prizes. Ac-Online and made the German service the cording to the ZWEI industry trade ggest in Europe. group, growth of new German users Enlisting savvy European partners like should expand by 38 percent annually Bertelsmann AG in Germany and the pay- between now and 2001, outpacing the television broadcaster Canal Plus SA in European average of 29 percent and 16

on the low side. Because only one in 20 Germans use the Internet now, compared to one person in five in the United States, AOL and T-Online count on an abundance of new subscribers.

As world leader in high-speed, highvolume digital phone lines, Germany is a natural market for AOL to spend a big portion of its \$50 million European development budget.

"It is cutthroat," said Peter Adenauer, a Dresden-based computer-net-works entrepreneur, about the Telekom-

Telekom can hardly afford to lose customers. Both business and retail telephone consumers, who endured years of indifferent service and high prices, defected from its local phone service in droves after the government liberalized telephone service on Jan. 1. Several senior managers abruptly left in the wake of a stunning 1.5 billion Deutsche mark (\$819.3 million) loss last year in Telekom's foreign operations, a shortfall that covers troubles in its Asian

steal customers, a fact that Telekom plans to trumpet to the global village next week at the Cebit electronic trade fair in Hannover, one of the consumerelectronics industry's most lavish annual events. T-Online is expected to announce it has 2 million users, dwarfing the 500,000 that AOL has garnered

within Germany in two years.

AOL sizes up the market differently. While T-Online clings to its title as Europe's biggest on-line service, AOL seized the claim as the biggest "pan-European" operator, emphasizing that most of its subscribers are not located in a single nation. AOL-Bertelsmann reached I million customers last month.

T-Online confines itself to its home market in Germany, while AOL-Bertelsmann operates in English, German and French and offers its services in Austria, Britain, France, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland.

Upping the ante, AOL last month com-

To be sure, T-Online still manages to added 2 million users to AOL's global cal customers, a fact that Telekom network of 11 million, although most of them are American.

Within Europe, CompuServe lifted AOL-Bertelsmann's combined subscribers from 1 million to 1.85 million — nearly catching up with T-Online's benchmark of 2 million.

Vying for members also brings in new revenue from advertising, spawning a new rivalry: the more customers, the more each can charge for ads.

For now, most income comes from monthly user fees, although addriven income will grow in the future, both said.

T-Online, which says it makes an operating profit, boasts cheaper fees: 8 DM per month with an additional hourly rate of 4.80 DM that falls to 3 DM per hour at night and on weekends.

AOL, which says it makes an operating profit "in some European mar-kets," charges 9.90 DM per month and a French. flat 6 DM per hour. In the first month, AOL lures members by waiving the

Some think ZWEI's projections are operations as well as start-up mishaps at the low side. Because only one in 20 the Global One alliance with France ermans use the Internet now, com
Telecom SA and Sprint Corp...

pleted the takeover of CompuServe Inc., in onthly fee and granting 50 free hours. Toolline "definitely is on the defendence of the compuser of Compuser Inc., in onthly fee and granting 50 free hours. The acquisition of fensive, but it will be able to defendence of Compuser Inc., in onthly fee and granting 50 free hours. The acquisition of the compuser Inc., in onthly fee and granting 50 free hours. The acquisition of the compuser Inc., in onthly fee and granting 50 free hours. The acquisition of the compuser Inc., in onthly fee and granting 50 free hours. The acquisition of the compuser Inc., in onthly fee and granting 50 free hours. The acquisition of the compuser Inc., in onthly fee and granting 50 free hours. The acquisition of the compuser Inc., in other compus itself," said Philip Springuel, analyst a Organization and Technology Research a Brussels-based think tank.

For instance, while AOL might have splashier content, T-Online has a clean cut lead in on-line security. "It was built as a totally secure network," M

Springuel said. "This is like the competition between Mercedes and BMW, if you will," said an analyst in London. Both are soon cars. Some drivers might prefer a mer-cedes because its reliable. Others insign want a BMW because it is flash

Related sites on the Internet:

• America Online can be found at: www.aol.com for the Englishing sic www.aol.de for German, www.aol.fr.k

• Deutsche Telekom's T-Online www.s-online.de

# **On-Line Book Merchants Bracing for Competition**

By Doreen Carvajal

year. Within three months. Borders about e-commerce than anybody else." Group Inc. is planning to open its longconglomerate Bertelsmann AG is constructing the equivalent of an international mall on-line that will sell books in English, French, Spanish, German and Dutch and ship them through its extensive distribution network in Europe and in the United States.

Meanwhile, Barnes & Noble Inc. has vowed to significantly increase its advertising and has reached a deal with an antiquarian book site that will enable the company to offer rare and used books.

In turn, Amazon.com has announced plans to start selling music and is preparing to expand into Europe while searching for distribution sites there, possibly in England or Germany. Jeffrey Bezos. 34, the founder and chief executive of the leading on-line bookseller. is cautious by the emergence of other entrepreneurs, he says.

"I'm paranoid about Barnes & By Doreen Carvajal

New York Times Service

TEW YORK — The shelves of electronic booksellers are about to get much more crowded this to get much more crowded the conduction of the get much more crowded this to get mu

Amazon.com's customer accounts delayed virtual store. The German media grew to 1.51 million by the end of 1997, and 58 percent of the orders came from repeat customers. In its last quarter, Amazon.com lost \$9.3 million on sales of \$66 million. But what is most im-regional teams around the world to start portant to Mr. Bezos is that the company: building its Web sites in different lancontinues to increase its customer base through advertising, publicity and alliances with Internet search engines.

> Barnes & Noble, who is presiding over service to its vast book and music club the on-line subsidiary, also prefers to emphasize projections for the future and the company's long experience in thebook business.

> ing speculative about that range. We're telsmann is going to commit all the going to be there. It's going to be bigger than a billion-dollar business."

At Bertelsmann, which has formed



guages, the talk is even more ambitious: selling any book in print through an existing distribution network in Europe Stephen Riggio, 44, vice chairman of and the United States and marketing the membership of more than 35 million

Certainly Bertelsmann is better prepared to be out there than anyone else." "How big is it going to get? We're said Markus Wilhelm, who is organizing looking at \$100 million in sales this year." Mr. Riggio said "We're not be-executive of Doubleday Direct. "Berresources it takes. It's going to cost money to build a global Internet, but Bertelsmann is debt-free.'

## **ALT** /Commentary

# A Math Problem for the Next Bill Gates

By Edward Rothstein New York Times Service

THEN the depressing results of the Third International Mathematics and Science Study were announced two weeks ago, technology became the great alibi of the United States.

American 12th-graders may score near the bottom of the industrialized world in their knowledge of advanced mathematics and science. The elite of American students may score nowhere near the elite of France or Russia or Switzerland. But so what?

Look where Silicon Valley is. Look where the great innovations in computer software and hardware are coming from. Look where advanced graduate students from around the world come to study and begin to stake out their technological fortunes. Hint: It's not the land of the cuckoo clock.

But the bleakness of the low U.S. standing is hard to ignore, and even on the Internet — a realm created by the United States and still dominated by it really be any decline at all? How much — the triumphs of technology do not calculus does a future Bill Gates really offer much comfort. The Internet's have to know? Doesn't current tech-

the Usenet news group k12.ed.math, as now rule in the United States? well as the more administratively oriented schl.sig.kl2admin. They have been invoked in the German news group schule.allgemein (which noted Germany's poor showing) and in soc.culture.indian, where one correspondent noted that the United States cannot even invoke its Nobel Prize winners in defense: So many winners are immigrants.

But in the hundreds of postings there has not been much enlightenment about how a high-technology success can grow out of educational mediocrity. The results will probably not be re-flected in Silicon Valley and the sueaker-clad executives of the high-tech in-

SITES

Related sites on the Internet: The Third International Mathematics and Science Study can found at: nces.ed.gov/timss/

The Problem

A string is wound symmetrically around a circular rod. The string goes exactly four times around the rod. The circumference of the rod is 4 cm. and its length is

Find the length of the string. Show all your work.

Solution to problem is on Page 17.

dustries any sooner than they will alter the status of the elite American universities: There is at least a generation before any decline will be felt.

But besides that, some ask, will there news groups are still humming about nological success by people with less the results (and offering links to the complete text of the study).

nological success by people with less than complete education prove its in-relevance and show instead the value The poor showing of American stu- of freedom, entrepreneurship, creativdents has been mourned in postings to ity and other such "soft" values that

AYBE America should cede Switzerland its high scores and watch its citizens buy American PCs.

Or maybe not. Consider one problem on the test, which is given on Page 168 of the report. It shows a string wound around a circular rod exactly four times, creating a spiral from one end of the rod to the other. The problem was asked only of those who had studied advanced mathematics: What is the string's length if the circumference of the rod is 4 centimeters and the rod's length is 12 centimeters?

The problem is simply stated and simply illustrated. It cannot be dismissed as being so theoretical or abstract as to be irrelevant for the technocrats of tomorrow. It might be asked about the lengths of tungsten coiled into filaments; it might come in handy in designing computer chips where dis-tances are crucial. It seems to involve Times.

some intuition about the physical world and some challenge about how to deter-mine something about that world.

T ALSO turned out to be one of the hardest questions on the test. The international average of advanced mathematics students who got at least part of the question correct was only 12 percent (10 percent solved it completely). But the average for the United States was even worse; just 4 percent. for a complete solution (there were no significant partial solutions).

The rate of Swedish students' success was six times that of the Americans: Swiss students did more than four times as well. Even Austrians, who ranked at the very bottom in advanced mathematics testing — just be-low the United States — scored 9 perent on this question.

What is also interesting about this particular example — a technological one, after all — is that it requires almost no advanced mathematics at all. It requires a way of thinking. If you cut the cylinder open and lay it flat, leaving the string in place, you get a series of four right triangles with pieces of the string as their diagonals. The length of the string is calculated using a principle learned by every U.S. night-grader.

It is actually a beautiful solution. simple and startling enough so one almost has to take an object in hand and think about why it makes sense (try it with a toilet-paper tube).

Nothing could be a better illustration of the value of teaching a mathematical way of thinking. It requires different ways of examining objects; it might mean restating problems in other forms. It can demand a playful readiness to consider alternatives and enough insight to recognize patterns.

To a certain extent, this is true of most subtle mathematical problems: They teach ways of thinking. That is precisely what will be needed in the future, and not just by executives in Silicon Valley. Supposedly this kind of playful freedom is the source of America's innovations. But without the discipline of training and practice, this problem sems to suggest, the technological alibi will eventually be full of holes.

Edward Rothstein writes the Connections column for The New York

# Software Winner



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"I have a favorite saying, that is, of the losers." says Ron Dennis. "At McLaren we're interested only In winning and we associate ourselves only with winning companies. With Computer Associates and McLaren, we have two winning companies sharing a "common goal and common partnership."

# BRIEFLY

• HOT TIPS ON BROKERS: The ufacturers said Wednesday they would National Association of Securities Dealers will put brokers' employment histories on-line starting March 26, as the first step in a \$50 million project to make it easier for investors to find out about the disciplinary histories of U.S. brokers.

Initially, the system will offer Internet access to such basic data as a broker's work and registration history, a NASD Regulation representative said.

But the association expects to begin making disciplinary histories - such as information about fines, suspensions, or other actions against a broker or firm available on its Web site by October, with all such data available by mid-1999. Until then, investors will be able to request such information via electronic message, fax or mail. (Bloomberg)

• PALM PILOT SLIMS DOWN: 3Com Corp. has introduced an enhanced version of its Palm Pilot hand-held electronic organizer as it prepares for Microsoft Corp.'s May entry into the mar-

ket for such devices. The Palm Pilot has become an Information Age fashion accessory. Palm III, available in April, is to cost \$399.

The new version will be slightly thinner than its predecessor and will include an infrared beaming capability to exchange information with similarly equipped devices; an increase in memory from 1 to 2 megabytes, permitting the storage of 6,000 names, and a file-linking feature for importing data from personal computers.

Microsoft plans to introduce in May its Palm PC, which will use a scaleddown version of the Windows operating

 MORE FLUENT IN JAPANESE: Microsoft Japan has unveiled an upgrade to its Japanese-language version of Windows CE, its operating software for small band-held computers, and five top man-

use the new system. NEC Corp., Hitachi Ltd. and Hewlett Packard Japan will sell hand-held computers equipped with Windows CE2.0, while Casio Computers and Compaq Japan plan to launch mini-computers with the updated operating system.

Improvements to Windows CE2.0 include color-monitor support and enhanced Internet and data transmission capabilities, Microsoft Japan said. It also recognizes handwritten Japanese and has a voice-data input function. (Bloomberg)

• PATENT SEARCH PENDING: Derwent Inc. plans to unveil an Internetbased service, Patent Explorer, that will allow access to a database of patents dating back to 1974 in the United States and 1978 in Europe. Users can search for information by keyword, patent number or name of awardee, adding up to 40 other search criteria. The service also allows for customized searches to be conducted automatically every week or month.

The service, which will require the user to have a Derwent account, will be at www.patentexplorer.com.

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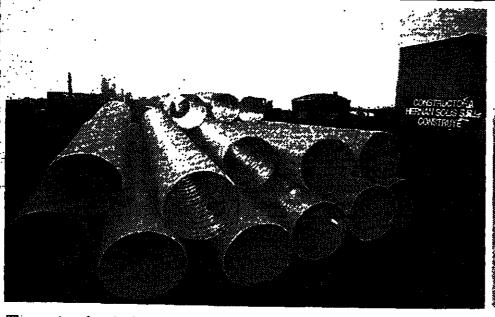
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The construction site for Intel Corp.'s new \$500 million complex is located just outside San Jose. Intel considered a number of other countries.

# Costa Rica's New, High-Tech Place in the Sun

# As Economy Moves Away From Traditional Exports, a Tropical Silicon Valley Emerges

By Serge F. Kovaleski New York Times Service

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — These may be the waning months of President Jose Maria Figueres's administration, but he has not let up in his courting of foreign high-technology companies as part of this nation's drive to become the Silicon Valley of Latin America.

Mr. Figueres, for instance, has been conducting meetings every two weeks with a dozen or so executives of overseas high-technology firms that already have established a presence here to discuss their experiences doing business in Costa Rica.

Accompanied by a team of investment experts, Mr. Figueres also visited the United States last month to meet with corporate officers, including Bill Gates of Microsoft Corp. and executives from such other blue-chip companies as Boeing Co. and Hewlett-Packard Co.

One of the world's biggest computer-equipment makers, Hewlett-Packard recently announced that it would open a new customer-support office here that would be geared to its corporate clients, which include Intel Corp.; Motorola Inc., Espion and DSC Communicaciones.

Costa Rican officials decided 15 years ago to transform the nation's economy from one based on traditional export staples such as coffee, bananas, sugar and beef, to one centered on computer chips and services. Judging by export estimates for this year, the transition is far along.

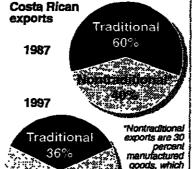
For the first time, according to government figures, Costa Rica is expected to earn more from high-technology exports in 1998 than from bananas or coffee or even its lucrative tourism industry. Buoyed by investment by such companies as Intel, sales of technology goods abroad should reach \$1 billion, a threefold increase over last year's levels, making Costa Rica the largest exporter of such equipment per capita in Latin America.

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"This is a country that is at the turning point of its evolution toward integrating into the world economy," said Eduardo Alonso, general manager of the Costa Rican Foreign Trade Promotion Office. The office oversees the nation's free trade zone, in which 150 overseas companies operate.

Long considered an anomaly in a part of the world that has been rife with poverty, social chaos and corruption. Costa Rica has used its unique status as a cornerstone of its marketing push to

High-Tech for Export
Bananas, coffee and other traditional
Costa Rican products no longer make
up the largest share of the country's
exports, as high-tech exports expand.



"Nontraditional exports are 30 percent manufactured goods, which are mostly high-technology itams; other nontraditional items include pineapples, flowers, textile products.

secure investors. After abolishing its army nearly a half-century ago, the country has pumped large sums of money into education, creating a highly skilled workforce that reflects a population with a 95 percent literacy

Although funding for such social programs has been reduced over the last decade because of Costa Rica's large internal debt, Mr. Figueres recently announced an ambitious plan to provide all elementary and high school students with their own e-mail addresses by the end of this year. The administration is leaving office at the beginning of May, but funds for the project have been arranged through the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the United Nations.

The political and economic stability in Costa Rica has been a big draw for corporations, as has its socialized medical system and the general quality of life in a nation where 93 percent of the inhabitants have electricity.

But many of the low-wage indus-

But many of the low-wage industries, such as textile and garment factories, that fled to Costa Rica during the civil wars that ravaged much of Central America have relocated to places like El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala as peace was restored in those countries. The main reason for

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# Stalwart IMF Client Hoping for Reward

Thai Leader to Seek Relief in U.S. Visit

By Joseph Kahn New York Times Service

BANGKOK — While plenty of critics have attacked the International Monetary Fund's bailout packages for troubled Asian economies, Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai of Thailand has carved out a niche as the leader who says yes.

Yes to high interest rates. Yes to a new bankruptcy law. Yes to sweeping closures of finance companies. If the IMF, as some critics suggest, is punishing Asian countries for past excesses, then Mr. Chan believes in renance.

then Mr. Chuan believes in penance.

"When a crisis like our occurs you have to take the tough decisions," the prime minister said. "There is no choice for Thailand but the IMF."

That unwavering stance has made Mr. Chuan, who arrives in Washington on Thursday, the Fund's most reliable Asian client. From his first days in office last autumn, Mr. Chuan has made it clear that Thailand, whose financial meltdown set off the Asian economic crisis last July, had nothing to gain by confronting the IMF or blaming Western financiers for the country's continuing troubles.

He has stood firm as Indonesia and the IMF battle over the terms of that country's \$43 billion rescue package, even dashing to Jakarta last week to urge President Suharto to mend ties with the Fund, aides say.

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The question for Thailand and the IMF is, will fidelity pay? Mr. Chuan's U.S. visit will provide at least a partial

. Thai officials say Mr. Chuan will stress during stops in New York, Washington and Los Angeles that Bangkok cannot fully recover unless Washington and U.S. financial markets reward good behavior — and distinguish countries that pursue reforms from those that resist.

"My message to investors will be that they think of the countries here individually, not just as part of a region," Mr. Chuan said.

"We would like to invite investment in Thailand — our markets, our banks and other areas. The trend for us is positive."

Specifically, Thai officials say, Mr. Chuan will court U.S. finance and business executives at three functions in New York, visit bankers offering to put together big sovereign bond deals, and hold talks with the man once considered the nemesis of Asian financial markets, the hedge-fund magnate George Soros.

The prime minister's goal is to persuade bankers to keep rolling over Thailand's nearly \$70 billion worth of private-sector debt, even while luring fresh investment and loans to inject li-

quidity into the parched economy.

In Washington, Mr. Chuan said he will lobby President Bill Clinton to excuse Thailand from a \$392 million contract to purchase F/A-18 fighters, which Bangkok says it cannot afford. He will also seek assurances that the United

States would back a Thai request

to increase the size of its IMF bailout

package, perhaps by as much as \$5 billion.

Mr. Chuan, a scholarly, soft-spoken former lawyer who had one previous stint in high office in the early 1990s, came to power midway through Thai-

land's financial meltdown with a strong reform agenda.

After the previous government had dithered, Mr. Chuan closed 56 troubled finance companies, nationalized four insolvent banks, eased foreign investment, slashed the government budget and raised taxes, all controversial measures demanded by the IMF as a condition for providing a \$17.2 billion

emergency credit line.

Mr. Chuan has honed an investorfriendly delivery. For example, he rejects the view expressed in the past by
leaders in Malaysia and Indonesia that
some IMF-style reforms are incompatible with Asian values.

"There is nothing in our culture or traditions to hold back new development," he said. "For example, there must be real competition in our economy now, not just among a small number of chosen companies."

Markets have reacted positively. Foreign funds have helped lift the Thai stock market well above its lows of late last year. The baht has held steady. The country has also posted a string of monthly trade surpluses, reversing a long streak of deficits.

Still, the IMF does not expect a quick recovery. The economy is expected to shrink by 3.5 percent this year. While the government predicts an upturn by autumn, many analysts doubt the economy will turn the corner until at least next year, Banks have no money to lend, companies are in default and bankruptcies and unemployment are at record highs. And some reforms have yet to be fully implemented by a conservative bureaucra-

"I don't think you will see a 'V' shaped recovery," said Hubert Neiss, the IMF's Asia-Pacific director and a strong supporter of the Chuan government's reforms. "It will be U-shaped—slow but steady."

One missing ingredient is long-term foreign investment, as few big companies have taken significant stakes in Thai banks or corporations. Without such corporate rescues. Thai officials fear it will take much longer to re-

# INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

# WorldCom and MCI: Common Links but Worlds Apart

By Seth Schiesel

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NEW YORK — When the directors of MCI Communications Corp. and of WorldCom Inc. direct together Tuesday evening, the contrast between the two boards was stark.

"The MCI board is much older, more almost; it has two women and an African-American," said one person who was present where the dinner was held, at MCI's headquarters just down Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House. "It's like you'd think a board would look like.

"The WorldCom board is all entrepreneurial-type guys that came with the acquisitions," the person said. "The difference is almost funny."

The challenge of integrating the cultures of two such different companies—one a brash newcomer to the upper echelons of the telecommunications world, the other a onetime rebel that joined the establishment—is just one of the potential hardles in the pending MCI-WorldCom merger.

Analysts said those hurdles were not likely to block the acquisition altogether. But they could throw bumps in the path of a deal that would produce one of the world's most powerful communications companies.

That company was to start to take form Wednesday, when the companies proposed directors of the new company.

Executives who spoke on condition of anonymity said that so far, the lineup consisted of 17 people: six officers from the combined corporation, eight outsiders appointed by WorldCom and three outsiders appointed by MCI. The proposed board would include at least one person who is not now on the board

of either company.

The shareholders of the two companies were scheduled to hold separate votes on the deal after the board announcement. Each was to be held far from the hotel in midtown Manhattan where Bernard Ebbers, WorldCom's chairman, and Bert Roberts Jr., his counterpart at MCI, announced their \$37 billion pact in November.

Late Wednesday, WorldCom shareholders, meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, approved the acquisition of MCI, clearing one of many hurdles, Bloomberg News reported. MCI's shareholders, were meeting in

MCI's shareholders, were meeting in South Sioux City, Nebraska. But even if both votes are romps in favor of the deal, as expected, the agreement to merge will remain just that — an agreement, not a reality — for at least a few more

Regulators in Europe and the United States have deepened their inquiries into the antitrust implications of the deal because both MCI and WorldCom are major carriers of Internet traffic.

The two companies generally contend that the retail and wholesale, or "backbone," Internet markets should be considered a single market for the

purposes of antitrust consideration.

In that case, the combined companies would control around 20 percent of the industry. But Jeff Keefe, an associate professor at Rutgers University's management school, said, "If you believe that there is a separate Internet backbone provider market, WorldCom-MCI would control somewhere between 48 and 68 percent of that market."

People close to the Justice Department's antitrust division, which is conducting the primary investigation of the deal, said the department was likely to demand that the combined MCI-World-Com either divest itself of some of its Internet assets or assure the government that competitors would be granted fair

access to the company's systems.

There is no formal timetable for the department to finish its review, but people close to the investigation said it would probably be a few months before the department's antimust chief, Joel

Klein, decided what to do.

The length or intensity of a Justice Department investigation is, by itself, little indicator of its eventual outcome. The department subpoenaed crates of documents during its nine-month inquiry into the merger of Bell Atlantic Corp. and Nynex Corp. In the end that deal sailed through without challenge.

In the case of WorldCom and MCI, analysts and people close to the inves-

tigation said, the department is likely to try to change relatively minor contours of the combined company rather than

attempt to scuttle the deal altogether.
Some analysts think MCI-World-Com's greatest asset with regulators is the combined companies' potential to take on the regional Bells in local telephone markets.

"The government thinks that the enemy of my enemy is my friend," said Scott Cleland, a telecommunications policy analyst for the Legg Mason Precursor Group in Washington. "And the government's real enemy are the Bells. The regulators are more interested in breaking up the local monopoly than in long-distance competition."

If it were not for MCI's running up unexpectedly large losses in its local operation last year, the company would probably be a part of British Telecommunications PLC by now.

The British carrier weesed MCI to

The British carrier pressed MCI to renegotiate the companies' merger accord last year after learning of the losses. That opened the door for WorldCom.

Merging with either company would have been a cultural journey for MCI. But WorldCom is a very different sort of partner because it has made its reputation mainly on mergers and cost-cutting rather than on the quality of its telecommunications services.

"WorldCom is especially strong at running an acquisitions machine," said Mark Bruneau, president of the communications and computing unit at Renaissance Worldwide, a consulting firm. "MCI is especially strong at running a phone company. And those are very different skills."

# Irish Media Figure Acquires Control of The Independent

By Tom Buerkle
International Herald Tribune

LONDON — The Independent, the newspaper that broke the mold of Britain's highly partisan press in the 1980s but lost readers and money in the 1990s, gained a new lease on life Wednesday via the pockets of the Irish industrialist and media mogul Tony O'Reilly.

Mr. O'Reilly's Independent Newspapers PLC announced it was taking full control of the British title by buying out the share of its partner, Mirror Group Newspapers, and other minority shareholders for £30 million (\$49.2 million).

The deal appeared to guarantee The Independent the resources it needs to attempt to rebuild its circulation. It also culminated a long-running desire of Mr. O'Reilly, who has built a major newspaper business in Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, to do battle with Rupert Murdoch, who owns The Tirnes, and Conrad Black, owner of The Daily Telegraph.

"We have clear ownership and a

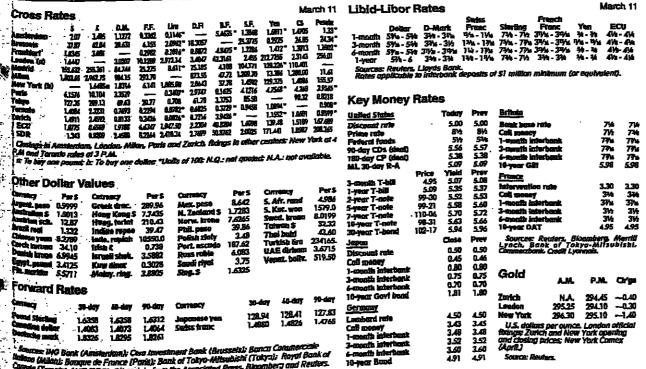
clear direction, which is upmarket, said Andrew Marr, who resigned as editor in a dispute over cost cuts in January but will return as editor in chief as part of the deal. "We're actually going to spend money on journalists."

Launched amid fanfare in the mid 1980s with the aim of providing more objective, American-style reporting. The Independent's circulation rose to more than 400,000 copies a day at its peak, briefly surpassing The Times and The Guardian. But the competition has improved its quality in recent years. A £4 million redesign of The Independent flopped last year as circulation dipped to 225 000

In advance of Wednesday's announcement, meanwhile, Mr. O'Reilly's competitors have been taking potshots, publishing stories that accused his papers of tailoring their coverage to suit his business interests. The Times wrote Monday that Mr. O'Reilly had failed to invest adequately in his South African papers and had slanted coverage in favor of the ruling African National Congress.

Mr. Marr praised the advisory board appointed to guarantee The Independent's independence, which includes none other than Chris Patten. The former Hong Kong governor clashed openly with Mr. Murdoch last week after the tycoon ordered his Harper-Collins publishing arm to drop a book by Mr. Patten for fear of ruffling feathers in China, a market where Mr. Murdoch has placed huge bets.

# **CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES**



# EU Serves Notice on 'Open Skies' Pacts

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — The European Commission is challenging eight countries that have concluded airline deals with the United States, saying they could face court action for obstructing the liberalized European aviation market.

The commission, the executive body of the 15-nation European Union, regards bilateral "open skies" deals, as they are known, as an impediment to competition and as a way to give access to European markets on unequal terms by U.S. carriers. Neil Kinnock, the commissioner in charge of transportation, has said the agreements not only put America first, "but America first, last, both ways across the Atlantic, and with-

in and beyond Europe."
The commission has long been warning that it would act. At its weekly meet-

ing Wednesday, it said it would send a "reasoned opinion" to Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Luxembourg, Sweden and the United Kingdom. The commission is also challenging open skies deals by several nonmember states & Norway, Iceland and Switzerland.

"The countries have two months to respond, and the commission said it might take the case to the European Court if it finds the replies unsatisfactory.

All the countries were certain to resist the commission's demands, aviation industry observers said.

"We entered into this agreement like other states before and after us," an Austrian Transport Ministry spokesman told Reuters. "We believe it's EU-compatible — and will adhere to its contents."

The commission has a mandate to negotiate foreign trade on behalf of member states, but air transportation was not originally a part of it. Two years ago, the governments did authorize the commission to open negotiations with the United States in the field of civil aviation.

Mr. Kinnock regards the open-skies deals as impeding these negotiations, because the United States is under no pressure to deal with the commission if it can get better terms with individual governments.

The commission contends that the

The commission contends that the agreements give U.S. carriers full access to Europe in exchange for only limited access to the American heartland. Because the United States restricts the number of airports at which foreign carriers can operate, several European airlines have circumvented the law by signing so-called code-sharing agreements with U.S. carriers.

The commission aims to obtain full market access for EU carriers in the United States, and reciprocal ownership rights.

#### Very briefly:

• General Mills Inc.'s third-quarter profit rose 6.8 percent to \$131.1 million as sales rose 10 percent to \$1.42 billion, buoyed by recently acquired cereal and snack brands.

•The Mortgage Bankers Association of America's index for mortgage applications fell 3.6 percent last week as mort-

• The Federal Reserve System has warned banks that it might not approve acquisitions and mergers unless the institutions are on track to resolve problems with converting their computers to handle the Year 2000 problem.

• Berkshire Hathaway Inc.'s 1997 net income, which included \$703.5 million in gains from investment sales, fell 24 percent to \$1.9 billion from a year ago as gains from its investments fell by more than half.

• Verity Inc. sued Lotus Development Corp., now a unit of International Business Machines Corp., charging Lotus misappropriated trade secrets under a 1992 computer software licensing agreement.

# Xerox to Sell Crum & Forster Unit

Bloomberg News

STAMFORD, Connecticut — Xerox Corp. said Wednesday that it would sell its Crum & Forster Holdings Inc. subsidiary to Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. for \$680 million, completing its five-year exit from the financial services industry.

Fairfax, an insurance and investment management company based in Toronto, will pay Xerox \$565 million in cash for the commercial property and casualty insurer and assume \$115 million of its debt. Xerox, based here, expects about \$75 million in costs from the sale.

Xerox said it would take a charge of less than \$200 million in the first quarter related to earlier sales of three units. Xerox shares rose \$1.1875 to \$94.875 on Wednesday, while

Fairfax Financial shares closed at 390 Canadian dollars (\$277), up 34 dollars, on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

# Waste Management Succumbs

# Smaller Rival to Buy Behemoth in \$13.5 Billion Stock Deal

OAK BROOK, Illinois - The trash hauling behemoth Waste

billion of Waste Management debt as part of the deal, which combines companies that together control ing business in the United States. Company executives said they did not expect antitrust problems because 80 percent of the market would still be open.

The companies expect the new company will be able to compete more effectively by cutting costs through such moves as consolidating routes, eliminating duplicate facilities and slashing an undis- der the name Waste Management. closed number of its combined But Mr. Drury will become chief 76,500 employees. They expect to executive of the combined comsave \$800 million a year.

"We anticipate the cost savings coupled with expected strong revenue growth to allow the com- acting chairman and chief executive holders' approval and is expected ings to grow at a rate in excess of tober, will be nonexecutive chair- 1998.

20 percent for the next several man of the combined company. years," USA Waste's chairman, The deal with USA Waste S John Drury, said.

has 58,800 employees worldwide about 20 percent of the trash haul- and generated \$9.2 billion in revenue last year. It is the biggest company in the field but has had business problems in recent years. USA Waste Services, based in

Houston, employs 17,700 and had

\$2.6 billion in revenue in 1997. Waste Management shareholders will own approximately 60 percent of the combined enterprise and the new company will go unpany and its headquarters will be in Houston rather than Oak Brook.

Robert Miller, who has served as bined company's operating earn- of Waste Management since Oc- to be completed by the fall of

The deal with USA Waste Services will not affect a previously

Management Inc. is being acquired by a smaller rival, USA Waste Services Inc., for stock valued at about \$13.5 billion, the companies said Wednesday.

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Waste Management became the leader in the garbage-hauling industry over the past few decades as it and No. 2 Browning-Ferris Industries Inc. consolidated hundreds of small, local garbage haulers into giant waste conglomerates.

But Waste Management has had financial problems this decade. Last month, Waste Management adopted less-aggressive bookkeeping and restated its earnings back to 1992, leading to \$3.54 billion in pretax charges. Waste Management posted a net loss of more than \$1 billion last year, while USA Waste showed profits of \$267 million.

The deal is subject to share-

# feath. Wes Stocks Hit New Highs **As Mutual Funds Swell**

Compiled by One Staff From Disputates

NEW YORK - Stocks fose to records Wednesday as investors continued to shrug off last week's barrage of profit warnings by bluechip technology companies and poured money into equity mutual

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 32.63 points higher at 8,675.75, down from a 50-point gain that had put the index within 7 points of a first-ever trip above 8,700. Advancing issues out-numbered decliners by nearly a 3-to-2 ratio on the New York Stock

Broad-market indicators also were higher, though down from in-traday highs. The Standard & Poor's 500 list finished 4.21 points higher at 1,068.46 after closing at a record high on Tuesday. The technology-dominated Nasdaq composite index rose 8.29 points to close at 1,756.80.

The stock market rally continues to be fueled by investors increasing their net new purchases of U.S. stock mutual funds. An estimated net \$5.85 billion entered equity funds in the week ended Monday, up from \$4.02 billion in the prior week, according to Trim Tabs Fi-nancial Services Inc., which tracks

fund flows. "The market's in good shape and it's going to keep going up," said Bill Allyn, director of trading for Jefferies & Co. in Short Hills, New Jersey. "There's just a lot of money around. That's power. It's just brute force." force. It just keeps pushing

Confidence in computer-related companies helped send stocks high-er. Sun Microsystems rose after the

workstation and computer maker said that, unlike Intel, Motorola and Compaq Computer this week, it had no plans to issue a profit warning for its fiscal third quarter. Intel.

IBM and Compaq also rose.

Among the biggest computer-related gains came from Cisco Systems, which rose after analysts said its acquisition of NetSpeed, announced Tuesday, was a good buy.

Andrew Corp. shares fell after the telecommunications-equipment maker said it saw lower-than-expected earnings for its second

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quarter ending March 31 because of slower demand for its wirelessphone equipment in the United States, Brazil and Asia.

Kohl's Corp. shares jumped after the department-store chain declared a 2-for-1 stock split and said earnings for its fourth quarter ended Jan. 31 rose higher than had been expected.

Keebler Foods shares rose after the maker of cookies and snack foods said it would buy back as much as \$30 million of its stock. Keebler went public Jan. 28.

Bonds were higher, with the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rising 11/32, to 102 17/32, pushing its yield down to 5.94 percent from 5.96 percent.

In Europe, leading stock markets overcame midsession jitters to end Wednesday with a swathe of fresh records.

The recovery took London to a fresh record at the close. Stockholm, Helsinki, Paris and Zurich ended at record closing levels, though below all-time intraday highs. (AP, Bloomberg, Reuters)

# U.S. Phone Firms Set Sights on Argentina

By Clifford Krauss New York Times Service

Carlos Saul Menem's decision this monopolies have kept Argentine consortium led by GTE Corp., are week to end the monopolies held by telephone rates high by internationwo Argentine phone companies in 1999 could significantly expand the presence of U.S. companies in Argentina's \$10 billion phone market. Telecom and Telefonica, which are

Coming eight years after the pri-mostly owned and managed by vatization of what was once a French, Spanish and Italian telebloated and erratic publicly owned phone companies. But they added system, Mr. Menem's decree represents a quickening of the pace in eliminating scores of government regulations that he says have their bidding for two new cellularstrangled the economy for decades.

The plan, scheduled for complenew competitors to enter the local, long-distance and international telephone markets, and wireless and digital cellular services will be made Argentine companies will then be more open and competitive.

At present, Telefônica de Argenmonopolize all long-distance and local telephone services, dividing the country into north and south. telephone companies will be gran-

Since the 1990 privatization, the ted licenses to operate. two companies have increased the Two local cellular two companies have increased the number of lines in the country from one operated by BellSouth Corp. BUENOS AIRES — President 3 million to 7 million, but their and Motorola Inc., and the other by a

al standards.

Analysts said increased competition and price pressures could hurt that the two companies stood to gain from another element in the plan the lifting of a government ban on

phone licenses later this year. Under the new plan, competition tion in 2000, will enable at least four for public pay-telephone service will begin almost immediately and the dual-monopoly system will end entirely in October 1999. The two permitted to compete with each other nationwide, leading most analysts tina SA and Telecom Argentina to predict a sharp decline in telephone rates.

A month later, two additional

the leading candidates for the two slots, according to analysts.

# Bank of Japan Scandal Bolsters Dollar

NEW YORK -- The dollar soared against the yen after prosecutors arrested a Bank of Japan official suspected of accepting bribes in the first raid on the central bank in its 116-year history, eroding investor confidence in Japan.

'This is dollar positive,' said John Praveen, glob-

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al market strategist at BEA Associates, a money manager. "Everything is going wrong in Japan in terms of the economy and its Asian neighbors. The investigation means the bank's ability to manipulate the currency will probably decrease." he said. At 4 P.M. in New York the dollar was at 129.375

yen, up from 127.415 yen Tuesday. The dollar also was at 1.8316 Deutsche marks, up from 1.8292

Figures showing German inflation slowed last month buoyed the dollar by reinforcing expectations the German central bank will not raise interest rates. The dollar also fetched 1.4902 Swiss francs, up from 1.4890 francs, and was at 6.1410 French francs,

up from 6.1326 francs. The pound was at \$1.6485, up from \$1.6410. Sterling firmed following release of minutes on a Bank of England monetary meeting that fueled new speculation about a possible interest-rate increase.

The central bank's monetary policy committee

was divided at its last meeting as half of the members (Bloomberg, AFP) called for a rise in base rate.

# **AMEX**

The 300 most traded stocks of the day, up to the closing on Wall Street.

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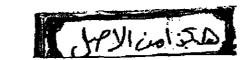
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# WW Team, Weighing Bid, Is Said to Visit Rolls-Royce Compiled by One Staff From Disputation FRANKFURT — Volkswagen AG, long Derecent of the capital of the luxury-car man The newspaper said the price for RollsRoyce would be from 750 million to 1.2 Royce would be from 750 million to 1.2 Royce would be from 750 million to 1.2 A RMW sookesman said. "It is running according plan and we have a good level of interest. A RMW sookesman said Wednesday the

visited the British carmaker.

Sources in Germany and Britain said that Ferdinand Piech, the Volkswagen chairman, and the Lower Saxony premier, Gerhard Schroeder, who also sits on VW's supervisory gather information on Rolls in advance of a make an offer.

Mr. Schroeder is a member of the supervisory board of Volkswagen because Vickers PLC, before shareholders decide who

was the head of sales for Audi, a subsidiary of VW, the Bild newspaper reported.

The German carmaker BMW AG has so far been the only company to state clearly that it would bid for Rolls-Royce. Volkswagen has board, had visited Britain on Saturday to said that it was studying whether it would

> Although at least one round of bids for Rolls-Royce must be submitted to its owner,

Lower Saxony holds slightly more than 20 will take over the company, Bild reported that percent of the capital of the luxury-car man- VW was close to closing a deal. buyers signed confidentiality agreements and scrutinized the company's books.

Industry sources in Britain confirmed that Mr. Piech and Mr. Schroeder had been at Rolls over the weekend, but they stressed that the meeting was not the first between Rolls and senior management from a prospective

bidder. The chairman of Vickers, Sir Colin Chandler, who put Rolls up for sale late last year. said last week he did not expect any bids to be

"The process is still ongoing," a Vickers spokesman said. "It is running according to plan and we have a good level of interest." A BMW spokesman said Wednesday that it was still looking at the company.

"BMW is still interested," the spokesman said. But he also said that BMW had alternatives to Rolls that would allow it to enter the luxury limousine market.

At the Geneva car show last week, the BMW chairman, Bernd Pischetrieder, said the company was more interested than ever in taking over Rolls, but that he would make made for several weeks while prospective only one offer.

# Charges Linked to Planned Merger Bring Shortfalls at UBS and SBC

ZURICH — Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corp. said Wednesday their giant merger was on track, but that the huge task of forming the world's second-largest bank would weigh on 1998 earnings.

As expected, the two banks reported net losses for 1997 due to big charges taken to prepare for the merger, which should be completed in the second quarter.

'Experience shows that a slight decrease in profitability may be expected during the early stages of a merger," UBS said in a letter to shareholders, citing uncertainty during the transition and the demands on staff imple-

menting the deal. The banks did not put a figure on the potential short-term impact of the merger. But they reiterated earlier forecasts that the new merged bank could post a consolidated profit of 10 billion to 11 billion Swiss francs (\$6.71 billion to \$7.38 billion) by 2002.

followed charges for restructuring and loan-loss provisions, which all three big Swiss banks took in 1996 to clear a backlog of bad loans and reduce domestic overcapacity.

The banks posted a combined restructuring charge of 7 billion francs against 1997 results. SBC reported a loss of 248 million francs after a restructuring charge of 2.8 billion francs to cover the merger. It had reported a 1996 loss of 1.96 billion francs after restructuring charges and loan-loss provisions. Operating profit rose 17 percent, to 4.57 billion francs.

SBC's investment-banking arm, SBC War-burg Dillon Read, said it barely broke even in the second half of 1997, as plunging Southeast Asian currencies and markets hurt profit.

Profit fell to 20 million francs in the second half. The parent company did not publish profit for SBC Warburg in 1996. The bank's full-year profit fell 15 percent, to 711 million francs, SBC said.

SBC's shares closed Wednesday at 505 UBS posted a group net loss of 129 million francs, down 2. UBS' shares closed at 2,364 francs after a 1996 loss of 5 million francs that francs, up 17. (Reuters, AFP, Bloomberg) Frankfurt DAX FISE 100 Index 5250 🦘 2750--- · 5000 -2500 O N D J F M 1987 1998 3500 O N D J F M 4750 O N 1997 Wednesday Prev % Change Change 1,097.55 4,093.72 +0.35 A SEPSON constant DAY **2,824.58** 2,799.90 +0.89 4,832.76 4,834.43 .-0.08 709.93 pon Stock Market 711.50 +0.22 4,176,45 4,119.69 +1.38 718.74 713.31 OBX +0.76 5,829,80 5,828.50 +0.02 Stock Exchange 805.05 805.74 -0.09 MBTEL . 21462 21460 +0.01 CAG-40 3,539,43 3,521.51 40.61 Stacidnotes SX 16 3,787.77 3,752.12 +0.95 1,417.85 1,498.35 +0.67 rueleb SPA 4,529.07 4,503.57 +0.57

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#### Very briefly:

• Hoechst Marion Roussel, the drugs unit of Hoechst AG, said its net profit for 1997 fell 19 percent, to 558 million Deutsche marks (\$305 million) from 693 million DM a year earlier, after sales of the allergy drug Seldane plunged amid warnings from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Hanson PLC is selling its crane-making business, Grove Worldwide, to the U.S. company Keystone Inc. for \$605 million in a move toward becoming a fully focused buildingmaterials group.

 Liberty Life Group and Standard Bank Group are discussing a merger that would create South Africa's largest company. Liberty Life, South Africa's biggest listed insurance company, and Standard Bank, the nation's largest bank by assets, said the talks were likely to end in April.

 Credit Lyonnais's former chairman, Jean-Yves Haberer, was taken into custody for questioning on the state-owned bank's role in a failed funding venture, the investigating judge said.

 Moody's Investors Service downgraded Russia's foreign currency debt rating one notch to Ba3 from Ba2 because it said the country was vulnerable to turmoil in global financial markets and faced growing fiscal problems. • The Bank of England's governor, Eddie George, cast the

deciding vote last month to leave interest rates unchanged, keeping the base lending rate at 7.25 percent, according to records of the meeting released Wednesday.

• Daimler-Benz AG of Germany said it would make a bonus, one-off payment to shareholders of 10.3 billion DM, giving them an additional 20 DM for each share owned, to cash in on tax advantages due to run out this year.

• The European Commission ordered Unilever NV to end exclusive tie-ups with ice-cream retailers in Ireland, handing a victory to its U.S. rival, Mars Inc., in the battle for Irish sales. Unilever said it would appeal and seek an immediate suspension of the ruling. Bloomberg, Reuters

# 2 Italian Banks Join Forces as **Euro Gets Near**

MILAN — Banca Popolare di Brescia and Banca San Paolo di Brescia SpA said Wednesday that they were combining, creating one of the largest northern Italian banks, in preparation for the single European currency.

In a stock swap worth about 2.3 trillion lire (\$1.28 billion), Popolare Brescia shareholders will get one share in the new company for every share owned, giving them a 53 percent stake. San Paolo stakeholders will get one share for every three held, a discount of about 4 percent based on closing prices Tuesday. Management and the board of the company will be split evenly

between the two banks. The banks, which began talks in December, are the Lufthansa Net Climbs latest to consolidate in a bid to bulk up ahead of the single currency, which will elimincurrency starting Jan. 1.

Andrea Mancadori of Milla & Co., "so these two banks know how to compete in what difficult markets."

Popolare Brescia shares closed down 742 lire at 24,135 lion DM. and San Paolo fell 398 lire to 8,248. (Bloomberg, Reuters) with other airlines have been 39.05 DM, up from 37.

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IS THAT YOUR OFFICE? - David Hermann,

head of Adam Opel AG, getting a pointer Wed-

nesday from Chancellor Helmut Kohl at the Ger-

man automaker's new Russelsheim headquarters.

ate financial barriers between Lufthansa AG said Wednes- petition in the airline inthe 11 nations likely to use the day that its 1997 net income rose 45 percent, beating fore-"Brescia is one of the casts, helped by alliances with richest cities in Italy," said other airlines, cost cuts and a weaker Deutsche mark.

Shares of Germany's dominant airline surged more than has become one of the most 5 percent after Lufthansa said net income rose to 800 mil-The two banks will have 27 lion Deutsche marks (\$436.9 trillion lire's worth of assets. million), on a 10.7 percent increase in revenue, to 23 bil-

central to Lufthansa's efforts to cope with growing comdustry. The airline's partnerships added more than 300 million DM to earnings in 1997.

Lufthansa also benefited from a stronger dollar, which rose 16 percent against the Deutsche mark in 1997.

The airline said it would raise its dividend to 90 pfennig per share, from 50 pfennig per share.

Shares of Lufthansa closed Cost-cutting and alliances Wednesday in Frankfurt at

# EU Moves to Bolster Trans-Atlantic Trade

BRUSSELS — The European Commission approved plans Wednesday to negotiate an ambitious agreement with the United States that would bolster trans-Atlantic trade flows by removing remaining barriers.

The European Union's executive agency,

meeting in Strasbourg, unanimously gave the go-ahead to the initiative proposed by the EU's trade commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan. U.S.-EU trade in goods and services ex-

ceeded 355 billion Ecus (\$384 billion) in 1996, according to the Commission. Removing barriers to trans-Atlantic trade could add up to 150 billion Ecus a year to

the Union's gross domestic product after five years and have similar benefits for the United States, Commission officials say. The EU's 15 member:states must ap-

prove the proposal before formal negotiations with the United States can start. The proposal calls for the widespread removal of technical barriers to trade in goods, for a free-trade area in services and for further liberalization in government procure-

ment, intellectual property and investment. It urges the EU and the United States to make a commitment to eliminate industrial tariffs by 2010 if a "critical mass" of other trading partners agreed to do the same.

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# **WORLD STOCK MARKETS**

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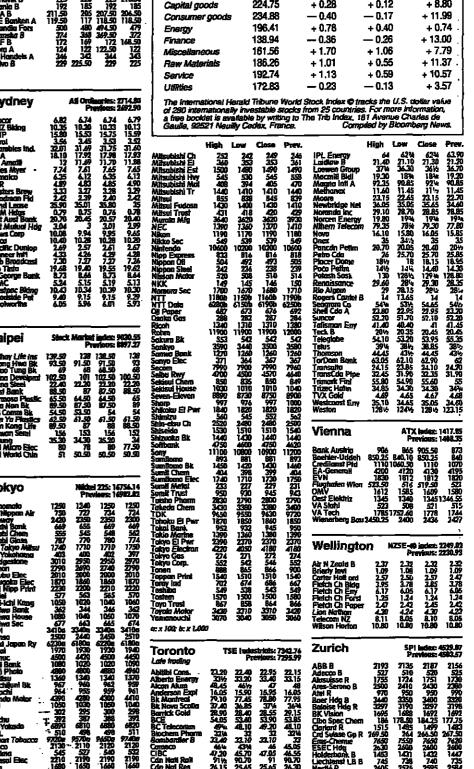
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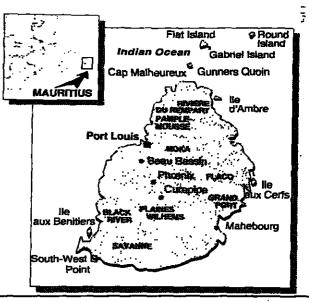
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# MAURITIUS

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# AN ISLAND ECONOMY THAT CAN WEATHER CURRENCY STORMS

Because Mauritius has commercial relationships throughout the world, the Asian currency crisis is not battering this island.

solation brings its own LOcean island of Mauritius, having weathered the immediate effects of the Southeast Asian currency crisis, looks set to sustain its economic performance of recent years, with steady dynamic combination of agriculture, industry, tourism ing to keep the island econ-

Western trade official as "the up-and-coming Singapore of the Indian Ocean" - maintains a balanced mix of trade and investment partners, including two subcontinental India and South Africa. Business relations governor of Hong Kong, will with India are developing talk about the "Hong Kong with India are developing talk about the "Hong Kong rapidly, and the recent visit of recipe." drawing attention to

about economic strategies for center for both these regions Mauritius, not least because the development policies of the Southeast Asian tigers special relationships with "have been a source of inspiration for other countries Mauritius has avoided being across the world," as Min- hurt by major changes in the ister of Finance Vasant Bungrowth and low inflation. A waree said at a recent con- found ways to reap many ference in Port Louis. One of benefits from increasing the lessons of the crisis, he globalization. It helps that the and financial services is help- says, is that countries must country has an established Mauritius has new concerns now pay greater attention to

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Mauritius at the end of March, Chris Patten, former Mauritian Prime Minister the potential benefits of close and growing partner- ing regions. Although eco- future. In the opinion of eco- in the years ahead. ship between two economic nomic analysts doubt that nomic commentators, mainnunity (SADC).

prospects of China, Mauri- require a firm hand in ap- employment as the public being turned to pioneering SADC, the Common Market But the Far Eastern crisis trus is already a well-re- plying the emphasis on ef- sector scales down — hopes research into cane varieties, of East and Southern Africa

- and even for China itself.

Thanks to its overlapping Asia. Africa and Europe, world economy and has reputation for high quality omy afloat, even thriving. factors affecting investor and efficiency in its three Mauritius — dubbed by a confidence, including good principal sources of income: management and effective sugar, textile manufacturing and tourism. With healthy economic growth of 5 percent last year, low single-digit inflation and modest forhas a record of growth that is

Eye on the future

is stimulating a new debate garded financial services ficiency in the private sector that were somewhat dented to the public sector.

"Courage will be required if the Mauritian miracle is not to peter out," says Noah Beckwith, an economist with special knowledge of the

Biting the bullet Reform is proving a hard bullet to bite at a time when about unemployment. At 6 percent, unemployment is low by world standards, but it could become a serious political issue if the figure rises. Although expansion of the key economic sectors continues to be impressive, the eign borrowing. Mauritius improving productivity of the sugar and textile indus-

by the Asian crisis. But tourism is still booming, with 15 percent annual growth in the past two years, bringing the teed prices in the European number of visitors to a record market, the industry hopes to 550,000 last year. The gov- be fully prepared for the ernment hopes to see continued growth in hotel and early in the next century. In resort construction, even if the process, Mauritius is dethe island has to lose its "ex- veloping the kind of sugar clusive" tag in the process as industry expertise that is more middle-market hotels much in demand in Southern spring up around the coast. Africa, especially Mozambi-The authorities are neverthe- que and Zimbabwe. less well aware that there is a

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unparalleled in the African tries means that they will not There is also vitality in the Mauritian investment abroad soak up the available labor. sugar industry. The country's This leaves tourism, services dominant agricultural crop is pact in terms of benefits to and related infrastructure close to maximum output, our country without dam-Navin Ramgoolam to South providing efficient financial. The key issue now is how to projects as the most likely having turned out 620,800 aging our own industrializ-Africa was evidence of a services for rapidly develop- sustain this growth into the sources of new employment tons in 1997, but is not yet at ation process," says Mr. maximum emciency The government has nur- crop has recovered well from leaders in the Southern either India or Southern taining the performance of tured hopes that private in- bad weather in the early Africa Development Com- Africa can match the growth the past three decades will vestment flows can stimulate 1990s, and attention is now

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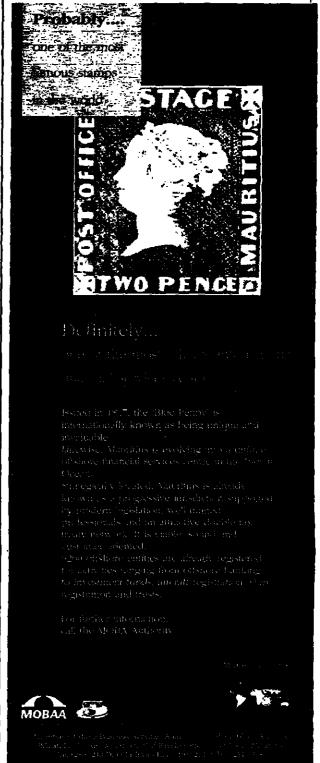
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It is a sign of the times that limit to the number of visitors Mauritian companies are inthe island can accommodate creasingly venturing into without damaging either the countries like Madagascar, environment or the quality of Mozambique and Tanzania with a view to providing both expertise and finance.

We shall make sure that will have the maximum im-

Mr. Bunwaree underscores the government of Mauritius' commitment to (COMESA) and the Indian Ocean Commission — as well as to the recentlyformed Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation.



# OFFSHORE BUSINESS IS A CENTRAL FINANCIAL PILLAR

The island's location makes it a link between Africa, Europe and Asia, and it has the ability to bridge the cultural gaps.

business is a fact of elsewhere. for nearly a quarter of the an important port for fishing fleets from all over the world, and the island community tians living abroad, in Australia and Southern needs of the market.

Offshore business has been the stimulus for a successful economic strategy that started in the 1970s with in the 1990s with the establishment of the Mauritius Offshore Business Activities Authority (MOBAA) and, most recently, the Mauritius Freeport Authority. Perhaps most important is the island's network of double-taxation

The first major beneficiary of this innovative investment route has been the increasngly liberalized economy of India, Mauritius has become the registered location of about 40 active India-oriented funds, and the offshore banks based in Port Louis handle billions of dollars worth of investment funds for India every year.

As horizons have expan ded, both China and South Africa have also come into The offshore sector has

survived the Asian economic

crisis relatively unscathed. "lromically, events have operated in our favor," says Mario Hennequin, deputy manager of Barclays Offshore Banking in Port Louis. "We have had increasing numbers of approaches from companies with previous substantial commitments in

that area and who are now

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or Mauritians, offshore looking to place their funds banks' business. "India has Southeast Asians looking for and Australia, this special

The anticipated passage through the Mauritian Parcountry's annual hard cur- liament of strong antirency earnings, Port Louis is money-laundering legislation should do much to en- Hong Kong and Shanghai hance the credibility of the Bank's Port Louis unit. country as a dependable has strong links with Mauri- channel. The banks are also now the obvious targets, working hard to diversify thanks both to double-taxa- sition as a three-way access and is forecast to exceed Europe, the United States, their products to suit the tion treaties and to good ge- point between Africa, Asia \$400 million this year.

For the time being, India looks set to remain the prin- vor of Mauritius is its ability cipal investment target for to bridge the gaps between offshore funds moving the banking cultures of Asia, through Mauritius, account- Africa and Europe as well as the Export Processing Zone. ing for an estimated 75 per- the language divide between The strategy has come of age cent of the resident offshore English and French. For

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development of the necessary financial infrastructure stop. and competence in Mauritius," says Bruno Lalanne of

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been a stepping stone in the opportunities in Africa, duty-free zone provides fa-Mauritius is the obvious first cilities for light assembly, While tax efficiency and warehousing activities. The

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  - Free repatriation of profits
  - 100% foreign ownership
  - Access to a regional market of 300 million consumers with an export potential of US \$45 billions. through membership of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern African Countries (COMESA), the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)



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Compiled by Our Stoff From Disposithes KUALA LUMPUR - Financial services giant Rashid Hussain Bhd. has agreed to buy ailing Sime Bank Bhd., in Malaysia's biggest banking

merger ever. Rashid Hussain plans to buy Sime Darby's 60 percent stake in the bank as well as KUB Malaysia's 30 percent interest for 852.4 million ringgit (\$218 million), Rashid Hussain said late Tuesday.
Rashid Hussain said that once the

purchase was completed, it would merge Sime Bank with its own commercial banking arm, RHB Bank. Sime Darby will receive a stake in the merged entity.

Sime Darby is one of Malaysia's largest diversified companies with a wide range of interests, including in plantations and property.

Sime Darby did not say how much it would own in the new company but said the new company's shares would be priced at 2.50 ringgit each.

Executives at Sime Darby and Rashid Hussain were not available for comment.

The deal would be Rashid Hussain's second big takeover in a year and catapult RHB Bank Bhd. from third into second ranking among Malaysian banks, behind Malayan Banking Bhd.

Rashid last year merged mediumsized Kwong Yik Bank with its DCB Bank to form RHB Bank.

The deal effectively saves Sime Darby, which announced a net loss of 676.2 million ringgit for the six months to the end of 1997, from having to inject at least 1.2 billion ringgit of fresh capital into Sime Bank to restore its health.

Analysts said Rashid appeared to have paid a premium.

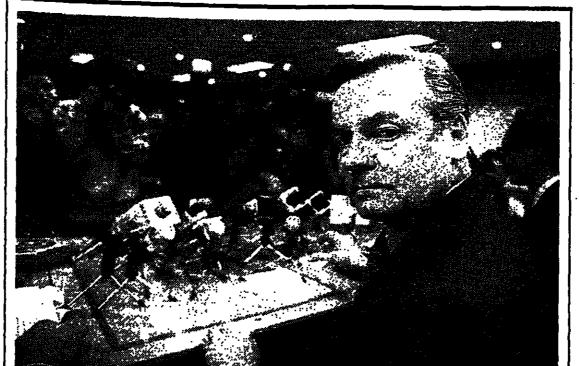
Both the depositors of Sime Bank and the shareholders of Sime Darby should be able to sleep well now." Jupiter Securities said in an analysis of the deal.

'We generally feel this is good for Sime Darby," a banking analyst said 'But Rashid is buying a mess.'

The takeover also appears to monetary policy and also allow mark an end to any possibility of a Jakarta to continue some basic food merger between RHB Bank and subsidies. Bank of Commerce, owned by Commerce Asset-Holding Bhd. They had been in talks.

Sime Darby said it would have a ity, loss of 246 million ringgit because of the sale of its bank stake. Sime Darby shares have been sus-

pended since March 3.



# Cathay Pacific Airways Reports Lower Profits in '97

Peter Sutch, chairman of Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd., reporting Wednesday in Hong Kong that declining passenger loads and currency devaluations sent the company's net profit down 55.5 percent in 1997, to 1.69 Hong Kong dollars (\$218 million), on a 2.9 percent decline in revenue, to 30.65 billion dollars. The airline also posted a one-time loss of 347 million dollars in 1997, linked to provisions for severance payments.

# **Soothing Comments From IMF** On Indonesia Hearten Markets

Seeking to defuse a confrontation with Jakarta, the deputy director of the International Monetary Fund, Stanley Fischer, said that he saw "room for flexibility" in negotiations over Indonesia's \$43 billion bailout

His remarks Tuesday helped drive up stock markets Wednesday East Asia, including Manila, Seoul and Taipei, as the rupiah and other regional currencies rallied on hope that a stand-off between Indonesia and the International Monetary Fund over economic reforms might be ending.

Mr. Fischer said the Fund was willing to adjust the targets Indonesia set for its budget deficit and

'For things which are essential for the poor, I'm sure the Fund would show considerable flexibilhe said.

The comments did not represent a substantial retreat by the Fund, as some time that Indonesia's econom-fully, a diplomatic source said.

to reflect the country's worse-thanthat Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashiexpected economic outlook. That flexibility is just inherent

But the conciliatory tone came expectation of the Japanese govafter warnings by IMF and Clinton ermment that Indonesia should imadministration officials that the next plement the IMF program, the installment of Indonesia's bailout is in danger because of President Suharto's failure to fulfill his prom- erument continues to support reform ises to the Fund to eliminate mono-

children and cronies. The majority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, Richard dex rising 2.02 percent, pacing the Armey, said Congress might delay a rallies in many Asian markets that vote to approve \$18 billion in funding for the IMF sought by the administration, in part because of Indone-

polies and cartels benefiting his

in every IMF program," Mr. Fisc-

sia's lack of commitment to reform. In an indication that his fellow Republican leaders were toughening their bargaining stance with the White House, the Texan said the funds probably would not be included in a supplemental budget bill

Japan will urge Mr. Suharto this IMF officials have made clear for weekend to adopt the IMF measures

scheduled for a vote soon.

moto will travel to Indonesia this weekend for talks with Mr. Suharto about the country's economic crisis.

Mr. Hashimoto will convey the source said, "and at the same time make it clear that the Japanese govefforts by Indonesia."

Hong Kong stocks posted their biggest gains in almost two weeks, with the benchmark Hang Seng Infollowed the IMF comments.

The benchmark index in Singapore rose 2.06 percent.

dollar falling to 10,550 rupiah from 10,950 on Tuesday. But stocks were mixed in Jakarta, with the Composite Index rising 1.39 points to People are still uncertain about

what's going to happen in Indoneselective stocks," said Kelvin Tang of ImPac Asset Management (H.K.)

# Surges as Yen Loses Ground

TOKYO - Japan's current account trade surplus in January soared 212.8 percent from the same month last year as booming ship-ments to the United States and Europe helped offset a slump in exports to Asia, the Finance Ministry said Wednesday.

The surplus, which was not adjusted for seasonal factors, totaled 476.2 billion yen (\$3.74 billion). That was below a 574.9 billion yen forecast by economists.

The latest numbers reflect the low demand for imports in Japan due to a sluggish economy and recent weak-ness in the yen's value against the U.S. dollar, which has made Japanese

exports more competitive overseas. Japan has faced growing pressure from the United States and other major trading partners to trim its surplus by implementing economic policies designed to stimulate domestic demand.

The current account balance is the difference between income from foreign sources and foreign obligations,

excluding net capital investment.

Japan's largest automobile, electronics and machinery makers are trying to take advantage of a weak yen and strong demand in the West while sales fall in other parts of Asia and the domestic economy slides.

The financial crisis in Southeast Asia and the relative instability of the Japanese market have created uncertainty and a loss of business confidence in what was the fastestgrowing region in the world," said Nobuhiko Kawamoto, president of Honda.

Trade friction has heightened with corporate Japan's strategy of increasing exports to the United States and Europe, where officials have continually called on Japan to bolster domestic spending and not rely on exports for growth.

Yet traders and others expect exports to the West to remain brisk as automakers and other assemblers continue to depend on overseas sales to offset a consumer spending slump at home.

The growth of Japan's surplus is being held in check by a decline in exports to Asia. More than 40 percent of Japan's exports are to Asia, The rupiah stabilized, with the and with the value of the Indonesian rupiah, the South Korean won and other currencies plunging, Japanese machinery, car and electronics makers are selling fewer of their wares in the region.

"There are indications the fall in demand following the currency sia, so they are turning their focus to crises will be more prolonged than originally expected, "said Katsuhiko Kawasoe, president of Mitsubishi

Executives point out that

Costa Rica has been effective

in touring the advantages of

running complex businesses

in a small country, where they

have greater access to gov-

ernment officials than in

many larger nations such as

showed us the fact that small

is beautiful," said Danilo Arias, public affairs manager

here for Intel. The Santa

Clara, California-based com-

puter-chip giant considered Mexico and a number of other

invest \$500 million in a new

ing at itself and evaluating its strengths and weaknesses."

a pressing need for extensive

These weaknesses include

"In Intel's eyes, Costa Rica

Mexico, Brazil and Chile.

COSTA RICA: High-Tech Look

Continued from Page 11 icals and sweeteners.

moving was that wages in

Still, Costa Rica has de-

veloped a niche as a tech-

nology hub, one that in some

respects insulates it from the

changing political and social

winds in the region. "We are

building a competitive advan-

tage and we do not see why

we cannot continue to com-

pete and be successful," said

Enrique Egloff, director of

the private-sector Coalition

Technology companies are

not the only ones that see ad-

vantages to operating in Costa Rica. "They can guarantee that investments will be safe,

which allows you to concen-

trate on commercial issues like marketing, pricing and who is my competitor," said

Jose Bonilla, finance manager

for Monsanto Co. at its Central

America office in Costa Rica,

which handles the distribution

for Development Initiatives.

Costa Rica were too high.



#### Very briefly:

• New Zealand's energy minister, Max Bradford, is expected to announce a government investigation into the blackouts and power cuts in Auckland that have lasted 20 days, as more than 600 companies prepared to sue Mercury Energy for compensation for business lost during the outages.

• Nomura International (Hong Kong) Ltd. said its portfolio managers would cease to manage the Epic Fund, a Hong Kong-based hedge fund. Fifteen employees will be laid off. · Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the Philippines' central bank, ordered banks to raise their capital by as much as 75 percent within two years to strengthen their ability to withstand

financial shocks. • Mobil Sekiyu KK, the Japanese unit of Mobil Corp., reported a net loss of 6.8 billion yen (\$53.2 million) for 1997. It attributed the loss to a decline in sales of petroleum products and a loss taken on the introduction of an early retirement program, which cut its work force by about 20 percent.

• Standard & Poor's Corp. revised down the foreign currency rating outlooks of four major Chinese financial institutions - Industrial & Commercial Bank of China, Bank of China, Bank of Communications and China International Trust & Investment Corp. -- citing strains from possible slower economic growth.

• Ryohin Keikaku Co., the operator of "Muji" stores in Japan, Britain, Singapore and Hong Kong, will report a 31 percent increase in current profit for the year ended on Feb. 28, to 7 billion yen, after shutting 10 shops and opening 26 bigger

# Mitsubishi Share Skids On Prediction of Loss

TOKYO - Shares of Mitsubishi Motors Corp. fell 13.8 percent Wednesday, a day after the company lowered sales estimates and sharply increased the pro-

jection of its first annual loss in 24 years. Mitsubishi shares fell 65 yen Wednesday, to 405 yen. The company is the first of Japan's largest auto manufacturers to announce dramatically weaker financial results. Nissan Motor Co. has hinted to analysts that it will also turn in a worse-than-expected performance but has not yet officially revised its numbers. Toyota Motor Co. and Honda Motor Co. are expected to do well, and Mazda

Motor Corp. has said that it will meet projections. The announcement by Mitsubishi starkly illustrated the predicament of the country's automotive industry, which has suffered sharply reduced sales because of the Asian financial crisis and the economic slump at home. Mitsubishi has been further burt because of its large heavytruck business, an economically sensitive outiness whose

only export market is Asia. Mitsubishi said that austerity measures announced Tuesday — including plant closings in Thailand and New Zealand, a 12 percent reduction in its work force, and suspension of the dividend for the current financial year - were designed to save 350 billion yen (\$2.75 billion) over the next three years and return the company to profitability in the next financial year, which ends on March 31, 1999. (NYT, Bloomberg)

# China Steel Mills Discuss Merger

countries before deciding to complex in Costa Rica — the two most profitable steel rities department. largest investment to date in this nation by a single cor-poration. Mr. Arias added that, overall, "The country companies said Wednesday "Merging the two most they might merge as part of profitable steel companies the country's drive to in- will cut down product overhas been very clever at lookcrease efficiency.

The proposed merger, initiated by Wuhan Iron & Steel by falling prices, overproduc-Works, has been accepted tion and increasing compe-

Bloomberg News Steel Corp., said Bi Chenshu, SHANGHAI — China's director of Wugang's secu-

lapping," she said.

tentatively by Baoshan Iron & tition from South Korea.

#### LUXOR INVESTMENT COMPANY Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable 10A, Boulevard Royal, Luxembourg R.C. Luxembourg B 27.109

of its herbicides, pharmaceut- infrastructure improvements.

## NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of LUXOR INVESTMENT COMPANY will be held at the Registered Office in Luxembourg on Monday 23rd March, 1998 at 2 p.m., for the purpose of considering the

To resolve on the liquidation of the Company.

To appoint a liquidator and to determine his powers. To suspend the calculation of the net asset value. To suspend all subscriptions and repurchases of shares.

To convene an Extraordinary General Meeting which will rule

on the following agenda.

1. To approve the liquidator's report and the statement of liquidation of Luxor Investment Company (in process of

being liquidated). To approve the payment of the creditors and the distribution of the remaining net assets to the shareholders, after payment

3. To appoint an auditor.

To convene an Extraordinary General Meeting which will rule

approval of the auditor's report,
discharge to be granted to the liquidator, the auditor and the Board of Directors,

(iii) resolution concerning the final liquidation of the

(iv) the keeping of accounts and company documents. Proxy forms are available upon request at the Registered Office. In

order to be valid, proxy forms duly completed must be received at the registered office on 20th March, 1998 at 2 p.m. at the latest. In order to accept the meeting, the owners of bearer shares are required to deposit their shares not less than five clear days before the date of the meeting at the Registered Office.

By order of the Board of Directors

#### VICTOIRE ARIANE 20, Boulevard Emmanuel Servais, L-2535 Luxembourg R.C. Luxembourg B 34 296 **AVIS AUX ACTIONNAIRES**

Messieurs les actionnaires sont convoquès par le présent avis à L'ASSEMBLEE GENERALE ORDINAIRE DES ACTIONNAIRES qui se tiendra au siège social à Luxembourg le 31 Mars 1998 à 15h00,

ORDRE DU JOUR

Compte rendu d'activité du Conseil d'Administration pour l'exercice se terminant le 31 Décembre 1997;
Rapport du Réviseur d'Entreprises pour l'exercice se terminant le 31 Décembré 1997; Adoption des comptes de l'exercice se terminant le 31 Décembre 1997; Affectation du résultat de l'exercice se terminant le 31 Décembre 1997; Décharge aux Administrateurs et au Réviseur d'Entreprises pour

l'exercice se terminant le 31 Décembre 1997 ;

Réélection des organes sociaux : Réélection des Administrateurs Réélection du Réviseur d'Entreprises :

Les actionnaires sont informés qu'aucun quorum n'est requis pour cette assemblée et que les décisions sont prises à la majorité simple des actions présentes ou représentées. Chaque action a un droit de vote.

Tout actionnaire peut voter par mandataire. A cette fin, des procurations sont disponibles au siège social et seroni envoyé-s aux actionnaires sur demande.

Afin d'être valables, les procurations dûtnent signées par les actionnaires

devront être envoyées au siège social afin d'être reçues le jour précédant l'assemblée à 17 heures au plus tard. Les propriétaires d'actions au porteur, déstrant participer à cette assemblée, devront déposer leurs actions cinq jours ouvrables avant assemblée au siège social de la société.

s'adresser au siège social de la société. Pour la société. BANQUE DE GESTION EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LUXEMBOURG

Les actionnaires déscreux d'obtenir le Rapport Annuel Audité peuver

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service said. Bank of Japan offices in New York and Washington had no com-

ment on the report.] Some bankers worried that the financial system might become more vulnerable to sudden shocks if Mr. Matsushita resigns, while others were concerned about the attack on the bank's credibility.

"There is no case like this among any other central banks in the developed world," said an executive at a Japanese bank. "This is real insider trading."

The raid by prosecutors was the first

The Solution

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This is the answer to the mathematical problem on Page 10.

resigned in a similar kind of scandal. A number of senior executives in the

Liberal Democratic Party had been calling for the resignation of Mr. Matsushita, mainly because of his close association with the Finance Ministry, where he once held the post as the top bureaucrat and which is now suffering from its own scandals.

Mr. Matsushita's five-year term as "We have to do what we're supp governor runs until 1999. The governor to do. Life must go on," he added. initially resisted calls for his resignation Wednesday, saying he felt a "grave re-sponsibility" and would do his utmost to restore public confidence in the bank. But Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto reportedly expressed his displeasure over and short-term interest rates. the incident, and this probably prompted Mr. Matsushita's change of heart.

"I am agonizing over how we can deal with international meetings which the governor of the Bank of Japan at-tends," Mr. Hashimoto said as reported 'Mr. Hashimoto said, as reported

bank's role in macroeconomic policy was unlikely to be affected, partly because there is little debate over the monetary policy it is now pursuing. But some bankers said that how the bank dealt with bank's ability to steer itself back into smooth waters.

About 80 prosecutors participated in the raid, carting out boxes of documents, and many stayed at the bank until late

carry out its own punitive measure... based on its own investigation, as well as that of the prosecutors. "As far as this division is concerned,

we continue to pursue our responsibility to maintain financial system stability, said a Bank of Japan official who works in the department that oversees the financial system. "We have to do what we're supposed

been lavishly entertained by major banks in exchange for leaking information on the bank's daily money-market operations, which guide overnight By gaining advance information onthe bank's sales or purchases of gov-

Mr. Yoshizawa is accused of having

emment bonds, banks can better forecast the direction and level of interest rates, thereby making significant amounts of money by trading on that information. by Tokyo Broadcasting System. Mr. Yoshizawa also allegedly passed Economists and analysts said that the on information about the Tankan survey,

which depicts the state of the economy, which could also have helped banks forecast the direction of interest rates. In return, Mr. Yoshizawa was said to have been entertained on 59 occasions the crisis in the next few days would be over four years for a total of 3.18 million critical to deflating concerns over the yen (\$24,900) by the Industrial Bank of

Japan Ltd. and on 30 occasions for a total of 1.12 million year by Sanwa Bank Ltd. Service before his arrest, Mr. Yoshizawa

In an interview with Kyodo News

denied allegations he had received "excess" entertainment or that he granted "I recognize that it was within the scope of social courtesy," Mr. Yosh-

evening, pouring over materials and cess" entertainment or that searching for related evidence. Several special favors to the banks. other central bank officials are also believed to be the focus of prosecutors' investigations. Central bankers immeizawa told Kyodo. "I have never rediately tried to downplay concerns, and ceived excess entertainment.'

REPUBLIC OF LEBANON MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AND RURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION SOLID WASTE / ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROJECT INVITATION FOR TENDER

PACKAGE 8.4: CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY LANDFILL PACKAGE 5.4: CUNSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY LANDFILL.

The Republic of Lebanon has received a loan (No. 3899-LE) from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (BRD) towards the cost of the Solid Waste / Environmental Management Project (SWEMP) for Lebanon and intends to apply part (BRD) towards the cost of the Solid Waste / Environmental Management Project (SWEMP) for Lebanon and intends to apply part (BRD) towards the cost of the loan to cover eligible payments under the contract for the above mentioned package for the caza of Zable.

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criteria stated in the bidding documents.

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# Business Locations in Europe

Giobalization has transformed the way the world does business. Companies need to go nternational, and many are looking to Europe, where transnational record levels. This is ecause Europe's cities combination of top



# New Frontiers: Taking the Global Approach

An integrated real estate strategy is a key element of both corporate planning and regional development.

o global, young man," Horace Gree- term, Corporate Infrastruc- estate. "The basic idea is to lis's merger with Insignia as I man," Horace Gree-ley might say if he ture Resource, to describe a were alive today. The West is philosophy of integrated the implications of going count a corporation's entire. This isn't an accounting presence in both New York out, and the world is in.

global touch on every aspect of doing business, not just the drives its business," says Mr. selling of a product or service Kadzis. The three key eleto a specific market Corpo- ments of corporate infrarations looking beyond their structure are real estate, hu- Stephen Clues, director of cal communities in Europe own borders in search of in- man creased profits and new mar- technology. kets must create new strategies as the world opens charge of financial models has just merged with the In- in hopes of attracting some of up around them and isolation how to improve shareholdist national barriers fall. In this ers' value. As a result. pro- New York, agrees. "As incontext, corporate real estate ductivity goes up and stan-ternational markets change

company's business plan.
"It's all about integraopment Research Council), a three key elements. worldwide association of sionals, with some 2,700 strategy," he says, pointing and multinationals need to be buildings anymore. Because is more strategic now.

More real estate professionals will be at-

tending the ninth annual MIPIM (Marché

International des Professionels de l'Immob-

iden show that over detile. Objects 8,000

participants to 10 percent increase over

1997) are expected to visit Cannes' Palais

des Expos between March 12 and 15,

1998. They come from all sectors of the real

estate industry, including builders, de-

velopers, property advisors and govern-

ment authorities at city, regional and na-

The growing number of end-users and

investors at this year's event are a positive

trend, says MIPIM spokesperson My-Lan

Cao. About one-third of all delegates come

will occupy 8,880 square meters of display

area (the largest in the show's history), up

The conference schedule includes days

dedicated to finance and investment, city

planning and new technologies, and Latin

America. The latter is a new feature that will

set the stage for MIPIM America, to be held

Two new alliances will strengthen MIPIM

98's role as an international meeting place

for the industry. The International Devel-

for the first time in Miami in November.

from 8,476 square meters in 1997.

Exhibitors from more than 50 countries

tional levels.

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from these two areas.

and resources

gether." He cites Microsoft, tion." says Richard Kadzis, Kodak and Coca-Cola as that an interdependent global

"Corporate real estate can corporate real estate profes- be a part of overall corporate tate in more strategic ways, action. members. "We're not talking out that Mobil's worldwide more flexible in the way they Attracting investment about just buying and selling corporate real estate depart- use real estate because they ment has contributed \$30 are catering to different through cost reduction and countries.

REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS GATHER AT MIPIM

IDRC has coined a new the global integration of real grow shareholder value, itself part of this globalizing Managers will have to trend. "In order to play globsupport structure, which game anymore; it's a management issue."

> International markets signia Financial Group in place," he says. "It is evident

opment Research Council (IDRC), a world-

wide association for corporate real estate

and facilities management executives, will

how he were buildings alongside MIP M.

for the first line. And the Association of

Corporate Real Estate Executives

(NACORE) will offer a three-day pre-MIPIM

education program in Cannes for its mem-

Yet another innovation is the MIPIM

MIPIM 98 will honor three Real Estate

Croisette Challenge, a 7.5 kilometer course

to be held on Sunday morning, March 15.

Makers with special awards: Ponald Spin-

ney, chief executive of Hammerson PLC, an

international property investment and de-

velopment company (UK); Martin Eyrles.

president of Vallehermoso, a Spanish de-

veloper, and Léch Bressler, president of

Unibad, a French property investment com-

Still to be decided are the winners of the

MIPIM Awards for office buildings, sheeping

centers, residential developments and re-

furbished office buildings. All participants at

MIPIM will have the opportunity to vote for

one of three semi-finalists presented in

each of these categories. Winners will be

Claudia Flisi

announced on March 14, 1998.

Mr. Clues sees Richard Eland London.

While corporations are busy refining and integrating their real estate strategies, lomarketing for Richard Ellis are shining up their images International Property Con- and improving their facilities "CIR shows CEOs in sultants in London, which and administrative practices that global business.

Transnational investment is at an all-time high - in strategy is an integral part of a dards are more consistent, and globalization increases. 1995, the last year for which Technology binds it all to- profound changes are taking statistics are available, worldwide foreign direct investment (FDI) amounted to director of marketing for three companies that have economy is developing as \$315 billion, with Europe re-IDRC (International Devel- successfully integrated these trade, language and cultural ceiving the lion's share of barriers are coming down. some \$122 billion - and We need to manage real es- everyone wants a piece of the

What do European commu-

of globalization, the process million in annual profits growth rates in different some of that FDI? Says Mr. and provide them with all the stable economy, stable interest rates, the prospect of economic growth and stabil- taken in other areas of ity in the real estate market."

Not surprisingly, Mr. approach to the question. Communities must undervelop a framework by astelecommunications capa- ences. city, its transport infrastrucpeople, etc. They have to take needs of a company, but also a targeted approach based on

vironment "Incentives alone are not enough anymore," he adds. "A community needs a qualmy workforce and a technoogical environment that can support a multinational company. We are still in the process of shifting from an Industrial Age economy to an Information Age economy. and communities need to ad-

companies that fit their en-

just to that shift." He lauds the practices of communities setting up quasi-public, quasi-private that seek out foreign investting up local branches, as well ness and technology parks.

Communities all over Europe are taking just such an approach. One example is the Montpellier Languedoc-Roussillon Technopole in Southern France, which has a coordinated global policy that integrates the urban infrastructure, cultural and tourist attractions, and

"poles" grouping together

businesses, universities and

research centers around the community's areas of expertise: medicine, agronomy, computers, new information and communications technologies (ICT), and tourism. The technopole has attracted a long roster of international companies to the area, including Canon of Japan, Ciba Geigy of Switzerland and

Owens Coming Fiberglass of the United States. "We take a global ap-Patrick Geneste, president of 15 hectares (37 acres) comprise a range of the Montpellier technopole, "and we have set up a struc; nities need to do to attract ture to welcome companies

Clues: "They need to have necessary means to improve sympathetic tax regimes, but their business: legal and fithe main attraction is rental nancial advice, marketing and capital growth on assets. studies, partnerships with lo-The country needs to have a cal companies, help in recruiting workers, and so on." Similar steps have been

France, including Lyon, where a number of technol-Kadels lakes a more strategic ogy and business parks have been set up, and along the Cote d'Azur, notably at stand that world markets are Sophia Antipolis, located bedeveloping. They must de- tween Nice and Cannes, which offers locations and sessing their strengths and services to firms in sectors weaknesses: the knowledge ranging from ICT and mulbase of the community, its timedia to the health sci-

These initiatives do not ture for both freight and address only the business the overall quality of life in their strengths and find the area, including leisure and cultural activities, and the presence of universities and research centers that can contribute skilled workers and collaborators.

> In Belgium, the Wallonia region is concentrating on its expertise in aerospace, aeronautics and telecommunications to attract companies working in those sectors. In Britain, a somewhat dif-

ferent approach is taken to attract foreign investment. The Commission for the New Towns, the country's largest owner of developdevelopment corporations ment land, is a government a organization that assists ment and smooth the way for companies with relocation to international companies set- the 19 English New Towns. These business centers have as the clustering of industries already attracted more than and knowledge areas in busi- 1,200 international corporations. Heidi Ellison

# GERMANY'S WATERFRONT: THE NEW HOT PROPERTIES

International companies are setting up shop in harborside developments.

to a number of innovative projects.

With one significant exception, the German urban real-estate market hasn't traditionally had much use for water. The exceptions have been such in-town lakes as Hamburg's Binnenalster and Aussenalster or Berlin's Wannsee, which have long topped the rankings of the country's most desirable areas.

Until a decade ago, however, up-market properties located on rivers and canals or in harbors were a relative rarity in Germany. The problem was that waterfront sites had been snapped up in the early days of the Industrial Revolution by manufacturers and traders looking for immediate access to the cheapest and fastest means of transport. No one wanted to live or work in these aging industrial buildings.

Then came the loft movement, and the Industrial Age's voluminous brick buildings suddenly became hot properties. As is often the case on Germany's real estate market, this trend started in Hamburg. This was not surprising. As Germany's largest port, the city had more on-water industrial buildings than any of its counterparts.

Launched by the successful revamping of Hamburg's Speichetstadt (literally "city of storage"), the trend has been gathering force throughout the country. Demand has broadened along the way. It now embraces both structures evoking the nostalgia of the past and striking, new-look buildings.

Award-winning design

This heterogeneous mix of the old and new is found side-by-side in several of Germany's new harborside developments, of which Düsseldorf's Media Harbor is perhaps the best known.

As its name indicates, this development area is designed to accommodate the city's rapidly growing broadcast, fashion, information provider and advertising sectors. Two of its high-profile tenants include Shiseido and Andersen Consulting. The project is located in Dusseldorf's harbor on the For further information about Grand Bat-Rhine. In addition to quays, breakwaters eau: telephone. (49 211) 345061: Web site. Rhine. In addition to quays, breakwaters proach," says Professor and other standard port features, the site's http://www.grandbateau.de

nce mired in the backwaters of the restored buildings. A number of new struction country's commercial real estate tures are now under construction. Their market, Germany's harbors have architects include Frank Gehry, Claude become popular business locations, thanks Vasconi, David Chipperfield, Joe Coenen and other world-famous names.

Mr. Vasconi's Grand Bateau project in the Düsseldorf harbor has perhaps the highest profile of these structures. And that's thanks to its design. Paris' Forum des Halles, Berlin's Spandauer Tor and the other headlining structures and complexes designed by the Alsatian-born architect over the last 30 years have featured fluid shapes and the use of glass as a unifying element. The Grand Bateau is no exception. Mr. Vasconi has created a glass-clad structure with the undulating, upward sweep of a ship.

When all three of its individual segments have been completed, the 76 million Deutsche mark building will have 17,500 square meters (188,300 square feet) of office and retailing space. Accounting for a third of the total area and building costs, the first segment is set for completion in

Full-service buildings

In addition to furthering the country's discovery of its harbors as ideal residential and business locations, the Grand Bateau reflects another trend now taking hold in the German real estate market: the move toward 'intelligent" and fully serviced buildings.

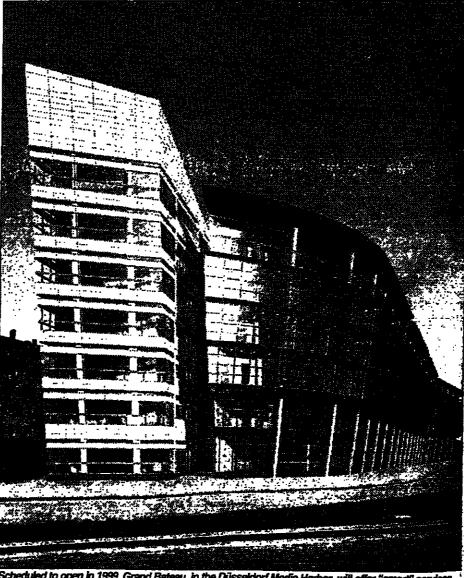
The Grand Bateau has been equipped with a high-capacity, glass-fiber-based electronic backbone, plus related accessories, thus allowing it to handle the needs of companies conducting e-business and forming part of worldwide data and voice communication networks...

The bulk of the tenants occupying these intelligent buildings are the locally based f offshoots of international corporations. As such, they have neither the capacities nor the interest in engaging in drawn-out searches for business support services. Taking a leaf from the operators of serviced offices, CF Bauprojekt GmbH, the Grand Bateau's developer, is offering a wide range of such services to the building's

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Scheduled to open in 1999, Grand Bateau, in the Düsseldorf Media Harbor, will offer "smart" services and striking design (computer animation).

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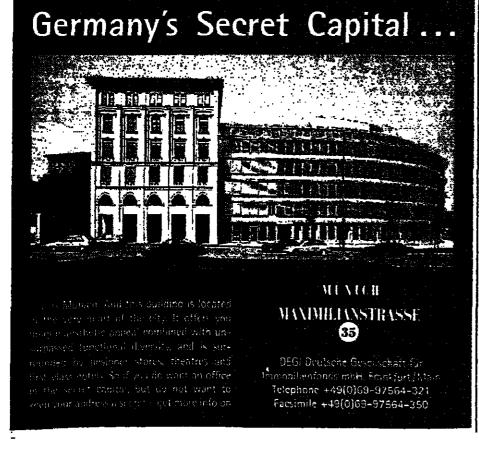
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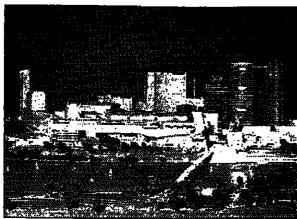
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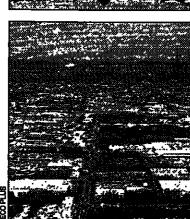


# BUSINESS LOCATIONS IN EUROPE: VIENNA REGION

The city of Vienna and the Vienna Region offer international firms the sophisticated Infrastructure, skilled personnel and cuttingge business locations they need to succeed in today's competitive

global economy. Clockwise from top left: The Danube City project (model); central Vienna; Haas House and St. Stenhen's Cathedral: the IZ NÖ-Süd Wiener in Lower Austria







# **CUTTING-EDGE COMPANIES AT** HOME IN VIENNA

Top locations and services for high-tech firms.

ccording to forecasts made by Vienna's Institut für Höhere Studien (Institute of Advanced Economic Studies), Austria's economy is slated to grow at a 2.5 percent rate during the period 1998 to 2002, reducing the country's unemployment rate from 7.1 percent to 6.5 percent. As Vienna's economy traditionally matches the country-wide average, good times seem to be at hand for the city's companies and residents.

Yet Brigitte Ederer, president of the WWFF (Vienna Business Agency) and the municipal councilor responsible for managing Vienna's finances, feels that the city's industrial sector is still showing some unnecessary signs of weakness. Unnecessary because Vienna's academic community has steadily come up with exciting technological innovations the wellspring of manufacturing success. But, she says, "The problem is that the fruits of the research conducted in the city are not being exploited by the local manufacturing compa-

#### Fostering innovation

This problem is common to all of continental Europe. Vienna has taken a number of measures to solve it.

A \$20 million municipal venture capital fund was set up in 1997 to launch new technology companies. Many of the products manufactured by these companies will be developed at what Vienna calls its new "centers of expertise," which have been created to foster innovations in the communications and life sciences sectors.

The WWFF also administers a wide range of investment support funds, which have been restructured to give priority to promoting high-tech start-ups.

In addition, the city is developing purpose-built locations for high-technology companies. Construction on one such project, the \$58 million Techgate technology park, is set to be launched in the second half of 1998. Techgate is part of the city's huge Danube City development area, located near the Vienna United Nations center and slated to regroup business, commercial and residential locations and a university specializing in high technology. Danube City's first completed project, a strikingly modern skyscraper dubbed Andromeda. will be open for business later this year.

With hundreds of high-tech start-ups already located in Vienna — such as Top-Cal or ASA-Hydraulik — why does the city need to step up innovation support, and why the

concern about Vienna's industrial community? Says Ms. Ederer: "Because the high-tech start-ups, viewed collectively, are being asked to do a very big job: to offset the large-scale shrinking of the city's traditional manufacturing sector. We already have many start-ups, and they're already appreciably compensating for the decline in the numbers of people employed by the traditional manufacturers. We need many more new companies to return the industrial sector's employment to traditional levels - and to

complete the transformation of our manufacturing base." Founded in 1986, MTE Messgeräte-Entwicklungs-und Vertriebsges, mbH is one of the city's new-look manufacturers. Its laser-based sensors can measure the thickness of glass at one micrometer and are becoming standard proliferating of the software cluster are precisely those that equipment for such companies as Germany's Schott, the world's most important producer of glass for telescope lenses and other highly precise applications.

Braincon is another young Viennese manufacturer. Its location services.



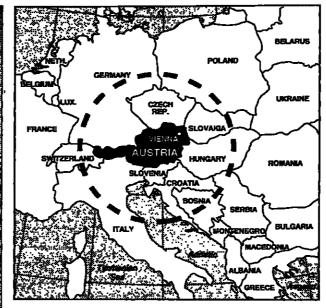
main product is the Braincard, a smart card used both as an electronic wallet and an identity card that gives its owner access to security-controlled areas, on-line payment systems and health-care systems. Smart cards are already in wide use best two-year total in the rise." around the world. The Braincard's chief selling point — its universality of application - stems from innovative soft- the top of the world's inward the companies are involved ware developed by Braincon.

## Software cluster

One of the Vienna business community's chief products, software is traditionally included in the services rather than the manufacturing sector. After years of strong growth, the city's software cluster has reached an appreciable size. This growth is the reason behind Vienna's recent increase in job openings. According to Austria's Central Office of Statistics, as of the end of January 1998, this figure was up 28 percent over that of the previous year. This rise has raised hopes that the city's 9.7 the country. percent rate of unemployment could be set to drop.

The software cluster is made up of companies like Fre- Smart companies quentis. Now in the process of expanding throughout Europe. This trend has come with a mensions. The study reported the Vienna-based company employs 220 and is the Conquestion: What's been mothat at the end of 1995 foreign tinent's leading provider of the fail-safe data and voice communications systems used in air traffic control systems. Frequentis's products are credited with having greatly in- common answer has been communication sector. creased the safety of Europe's air routes. One of the company's recent commissions was the re-equipping of Sarajevo Airport's air control tower. AAA+ has developed software dards. Thanks to their conproviding another kind of security. This software allows investors to ascertain the level of risk associated with a dures, Austrian firms have are counted together by the current or potential financial, real estate or other business accumulated large amounts statisticians. projects. In a world full of collapsing economies and banks, of hidden reserves -- real AAA+'s products are in high demand.

And why do these companies do so well in Vienna? Says Klaus Fischbacher, WWFF's chief executive: "The business conditions in Vienna leading to the thriving and make the city so attractive to foreign investors. These include a wide availability of skilled personnel and reasonably priced commercial real estate. These are backed up by our business Terry Swartzberg



# Brain Power DRAWS INVESTORS

R&D is a major calling card for Viennnese firms.

takeovers, this was by far the country's history, putting it at Vienna was a prime bene-

ficiary of this inflow. Agency reports that some 60 environmental technologies. percent of the capital went to companies in the city, or was components of greater Vichanneled by them to sub- enna's business community. sidiaries located elsewhere in

question: What's been motivating the foreign inthat Austria's companies are inexpensive by world stanestate and other holdings curried on their books at unrealistically low valuations.

A November 1997 study rebuts this viewpoint. Carried out by Austrian Man-Institut für Höhere Studien (Institute of Advanced Studof the decade, the study finds owned.

n 1996 and 1997, foreign that "foreign corporations companies invested \$2.5 are mainly interested in billion in Austria. Ac- companies whose expendicomplished mostly via tures for research and development have shown a steady

According to the report, culated on a per capita basis. chemicals, life sciences, electronics and communication systems, automotive and The Austria Business transport engineering, and These sectors form the main

After a decade of activity, the foreigners' interest in buying up Austrian brain-power has achieved impressive dithat at the end of 1995 foreign companies owned 89 percent vestors? To date, the most of Austria's electronics and

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Lest the impression arise ness community is high-tech penditures by only 11.2 out ies) and covering the first half was 92 percent domestically mbH, the Viennese real-es-

# TOP FIRMS PROSPER IN LOWER AUSTRIA

Business parks respond to investor needs.

hen it comes to choosing a location, the investor always knows best," says Theodor Krendelsbar-ger, who is in charge of Industrial Parks in Lower Austria for the regional development agency Eco Phis. And

the agency's track record through more than 35 years in the business shows that Eco Plus has got its priorities right.

To date 360 companies have been established in Eco Plus business parks in the federal province, the largest sector of the Vienna Region. What is more, Lower Austria can point to a significantly higher economic growth rate of 2.8 percent during the past year, compared with the overall Austrian average of 2.0 percent.

#### Fully equipped business locations

Most of the settlers have been accommodated in one of seven business parks, covering a total area of 5,250,000 square meters (56,490,000 square feet). Far and away the largest of these is located at Wiener Neudorf, immediately to the south of Vienna. It houses no less than 280 enterprises and provides. employment for 10,000 people. Isovolta, Dart Industries; (Tupperware), Castrol, Duracell, Toshiba Medical Systems; and Kenwood are among the big names serving customers in Austria as well as in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). The latest addition to the Eco Plus network of business parks, at Bruck/Leitha, will be welcoming its first occupant on April 3: Volvo Trucks of Sweden, which is setting up a spare parts depot there.

Volvo's managing director for Austria, Lennart Pilskog, is convinced that the Lower Austria location offers not only an ideal approach to the markets of Central and Eastern Europe but also, from the other direction, constitutes an entry point into the EU single market. A not inconsiderable advantage, was the speeding up of the formal approval procedure promised, and realized, by Eco Plus.

As a business location, the 43-hectare (106-acre) site at Bruck/Leitha, equipped with complete infrastructure, could hardly be better. Not only is it in the rapidly developing eastern fringe of Austria, but it is also near the highway and on the main railway line from Vienna to Budapest, only 10. minutes away from Vienna Airport and close to the Danube, with a great river-freight potential.

There can be no doubt that Austria in general is now profiting. from the eastern opening. Lower Austria in particular is anxious to exploit this trend to the fullest. Potential possibilities in this respect far outweigh the supposed threat-posed by cheaper labor availability in neighboring countries. to the east. One of the biggest groups to have approached Eco. Plus recently, however, opted for a location outside any of the business parks. It is Atmosa Petrochemicals, a subsidiary of the Dahin Group of Taiwan, which was assisted in the purchase of a former Petrochemic Danubia plant at Schwechat in Lower Austria, to the east of Vienna.

Since 1996, Atmosa has used the facilities to secure a longterm supply of PA (phthalic anhydride), an essential intermediary material in the production of plastics, paint and printing inks. Kevin Liu, managing director of Atmosa, is unreservedly enthusiastic about the Lower Austrian venture. "Our production of PA in Schwechat has been profitable. from the start. The location is ideal as regards its traffic. connections. There are direct flights between Vienna and Taipei. And the Austrian authorities were flexible and very-

supportive of our project from the start," he says. He is referring to Eco Plus's handling of requests investment rankings, as cal- in the following sectors: necessary residence permits for management staff and their families — the standard quota for employees from non-EU countries had been exhausted. This is one of the many services that Eco Plus provides for its partners in Lower:

# STRONG MARKET FOR OFFICE SPACE

Large-scale transactions boost real estate sector.

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man banks. Undeterred, the Germans went on to purchase a largesized inner-city office building of their own, outbidding a Dutch group for it. All told. the Germans made four such sees the creation of an entire acquisitions in 1997, with a further 10 being planned for 1998, reports Handelsblatt the German business daily.

#### New projects The strength of Vienna's real

estate market is directly dependent upon the healthy al institutes, hotels, apartstate of its economy as a whole. According to a study published by Creditanstalt in late 1997, the Vienna economy's ongoing upswing is being driven by its high-tech companies. They require further office, production and logistics space to accommodate their growing opera-

For Vienna's commercial beyond will also be years of cording to plan.

The list of projects planned for construction are ect is set to begin in 2001. many, and include a \$240

Tienna's commercial million professional training real estate market has and hotel center, to be located been on a steady roll in Vienna's southern region.

picked up further steam in important, in terms of volume, physical size and In what was the largest prestige. Eurogate-Vienna.

#### City within a city Eurogate will be developed

by a public-private consortium. Its master plan has been created by Sir Norman Foster, one of the world's most renowned architects. Presented in late February.

1998, the master plan forcnew city-in-a-city, at a cost of \$1.17 billion. Open only to pedestrian

traffic and linked by mass transit and superhighways. the neighborhood will feature a mix of office buildings, schools and other educationment building and special-! ized manufacturers.

The new neighborhood will be centered around two. 110 meter-high skyscrapers They will face each other across the area's main boulevard, forming the "posts" of the Eurogate, m. the architect's terms. Anothcr key part of his vision is water. The heart of the site! real estate market, 1998 and will be a teardrop-staped; pond, part of which will be: building, should all go ac- on the space formerly occupied by the canal.

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# ATERFRONT:

# Business Locations in Europe: Lyon

As investors return to the French real estate market. they are looking closely and critically at prospects for commercial real estate development. They are finding in Lyon a climate for investment that makes expanding demand for office space and implantation sites, competitive returns, a ealthy economy, and a city that is both investing **in** the knowledge stries of the future and developing its links ith the broader Southern European region. Clockwise from top:

Greenhouses at the Parc

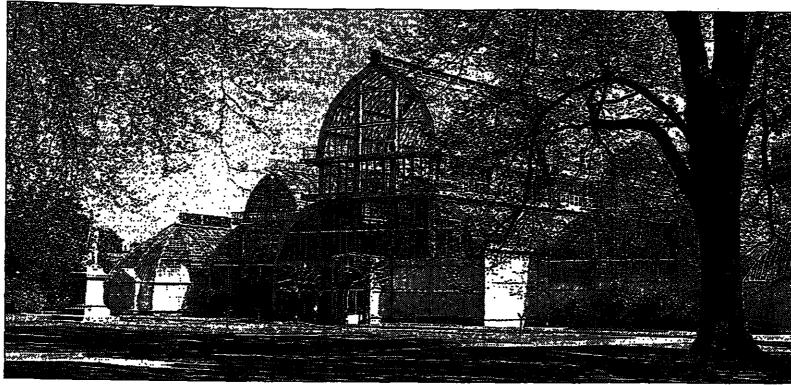
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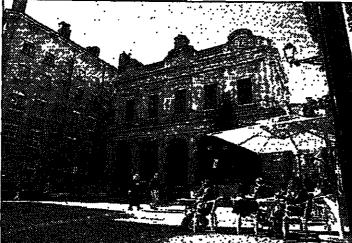
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# REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS SAY Now Is the Time to Invest in Lyon

Choosy investors will find good commercial prospects in the city.

s the French real estate market creeps back to life, wise investors are once again beginning to take an interest in developing commercial properties, but with a difference. The willy-nilly speculative buying that was the norm during the boom years of the late 1980s is out, along with the overcautiousness that followed during the recession of the first half of the 1990s.

Now that demand is rising and stocks of available space but investors are doing their homework before sinking their money into new projects.

Lyon is one of the French cities that is ripe for investment, professional now," he says. "Developers are doing detailed invests in infrastructure." market studies, and they are financially stronger. They have the backing of a strong partner or a financial institution."

Enticing returns

At Jones Lang Wootton in Lyon, European partner and CEO Jean-François Prenot points out that returns on investment in residential property bringing in returns of 6-6.5 percent, offices 9-10 percent, warehouses 11.5-12 percent and industrial space 12-12.5 percent.

At the beginning of this year, only 30,000 square meters (322,580 square feet) of new office space were available. according to a report prepared by FNAIM Entreprises. The report points out that "users who need spaces larger than 2,000 square meters within a period of one year will have enormous difficulty in finding a solution among the existing stock." This situation creates interesting opportunities for investors, who are now taking a close look at the city.

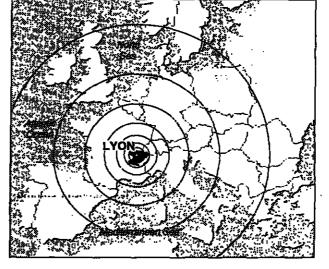
"We are seeing all types of investors coming back," says Mr. Prenot. "The French, American pension funds, the English, the Dutch, etc. But the situation is the same as in Paris: immediately available products are rare." He predicts that over the next couple of years "a number of projects that have been gathering dust are going to be coming out of the closet under the pressure of strong demand:2.

Alain Schori, regional director of Auguste Thouard reare at a low point in many markets, confidence is growing, altors and president of FNAIM Entreprises, also notes the return of interested investors to Lyon, including Americans looking to relaunch construction in the city. "This is the second-largest city in France," he says, "with the second according to Paul Boursican, an investment partner at Jones most important real estate market. We have a solid economy, Lang Wootton Paris. "The French market is much more a business sector that works and a local government that technical industries, and a thriving small and medium-sized other French cities?

Pleaty and varied opportunities

The opportunities are there. Land and/or floor space are Internationale), technology parks (Gerland, Porte des Alpes and Techlid), business parks, urban business parks (re-Lyon are even higher than those for Paris, with Lyon developed inner-city industrial areas), industrial parks (manufacturing) and logistics parks (platform at Mions-Corbas) in the Greater Lyon area. In addition, Lyon is planning a major Rhône and Saône Rivers meet in the south of the city. Mayor Raymond Barre sees this development as the basis for the yon of the 21st century.

Lyon itself provides an ideal setting for doing business, with 2,000 years of history, a strategic location in Central France, top-notch transport connections (high-speed TGV major universities and research centers, strong scientific and through March 15.



enterprise sector.

When it comes to the quality of life, few cities could offer more: comparatively low living expenses, some of the best restaurants in France, a handsome city with historic quarters available in service-sector premises (Part-Dieu and Cité and vestiges of Roman times, an active cultural life (theater, made by companies already established in Lyon that are music, art), proximity to the Alps and the Mediterranean, and an international school for the children of foreign workers.

necessary infrastructure and the pleasant environment that international investors are looking for. Through ADERLY redevelopment of the Petrache-Confluent area, where the (Lyon Area Development Agency), Greater Lyon's businesspromotion unit, and the Greater Lyon Department of Economic and International Affairs (DAEI), they also offer enormous potential. concrete assistance of all types, including legal, administrative and financial advice; help in finding locations; and even assistance in finding jobs for spouses of workers transferred to the city. Representatives of both agencies are trains, the French highway network, two airports), a wealth of on hand at the MIPIM real estate conference in Cannes Heidi Ellison

# 'INTELLIGENT CITY' LINKS UP WITH **EUROPEAN PARTNERS**

Raymond Barre, former prime minister of France, was elected mayor of Lyon in June 1995 and was first elected a *député* from the city in 1978. In the following interview he discusses the city's advantages as a European base for companies, the integration of academia and research with industry, and Lyon's links with other cities and countries in Southern Europe.

What role does Lyon play on European and interfational levels?

A medium-sized city like Lyon can have a reach that is much longer than the size of its population would indicate. There are multiple factors involved. From my national and international experience, I can say that Lyon easily compares to European cities like Turin, Milan, Stuttgart, Amsterdam and Birmingham. I have been trying to make Lyon better known and to have its potential and its capacities recognized internationally. In this respect, the G-7 meeting [in 1996] helped us a great deal. The 2,000 journalists who were there discovered Lyon. And since then there has been an ongoing series of international meetings, many of them organized by foreigners who choose the city of Lyon. UNCTAD [the UN Conference on Trade and Development], to give one example among many, has decided to hold its summit meeting in Lyon at the end of this year.

What is the situation in Lyon's commercial property

Lyon did not have a "bubble" in the real estate sector that had to be reabsorbed with difficulty. There were, of course, repercussions from the real

estate crisis that occurred in every country and in many cities. Now the market has found its balance, and we are seeing new demand for real estate. The Lyon market is attractive for both offices and residences. It's a positive element of the current overall economic situation of the Lyon region.

Why should companies consider Lvon as a European base?

Investors should come to Lyon only if it is to their advantage. If they come to Lyon they will see that it has a pleasant setting in

terms of the quality of life; an impressive educational system; numerous companies that are creating a climate that is favorable to economic activity; research centers that look toward the future. Above all, they will find themselves in a geostrategic position. Since the time of the Romans. Lyon has been at the heart of Europe.

Companies are welcomed to Lyon by specialized agencies that have been set up to encourage foreign investment. I don't believe in investments that are based on financial and tax advantages. An investment decision is for the long-term and should be based on a global analysis of the current and future situation. I think that this diagnosis is favorable to Lyon, as is shown by the number of companies that are making investments in Lyon.

What advantages does Lyon have in comparison with

I don't want to enter into competition with other French cities. Foreign investment is important for France, and it is up to foreign investors to decide where they want to be. The list of investments made in 1997 and 1998 shows that many were expanding their activity. SMI, for example, which belongs to the Japanese group Koyo Seiko, is increasing its investment Local officials have demonstrated their will to provide the in Lyon and plans to open a research center there that will cover all of France. Companies that invest in Lyon are increasingly discovering that they have an advantage in their proximity to northern Italy and Switzerland, but especially that they can operate in Southern Europe, where there is

> What is very striking about investments in the Lyon region is that they are medium-sized investments that are directed toward long-term growth. That corresponds to the structure of the region, where there are many medium-sized enterprises that are in the process of becoming large enterprises: This is highly characteristic of the Lyon region. And we have noted that medium-large enterprises are growing and that foreign investors are interested in buying many mediumsized enterprises. The foreign investments - American, German, Swiss, Japanese — that have already been made are large investments made in a perspective of growth.

How would you like to see Lyon develop, and what is necessary to achieve this development?

Lyon has great potential. At the moment, I am stressing two essential directions. First, to make Lyon "the city of intelligence." We have outstanding universities, scientific grandes écoles and research centers. What I would like to see is the development of synergies between all these institutions; I think this is essential for the city. We want to make Lyon a center for health that starts with the research centers and ends in industry.

The second orientation is to make Lyon part of a network. to take it out of a purely unilateral position and develop links. on the one hand, with Turin and Geneva, and, on the other hand, with the centers of the Rhône-Alpes region, especially Saint-Etienne and Grenoble. And, finally, we would like to push toward the south through a partnership agreement with Marseilles.

The strategic position of Lyon allows it to be at the heart of them working in the areas of a network of cities that covers the whole of the region. We electronics, computers, bio-technology, engineering and up partnerships in all sectors: economic, financial and cultdesign. Land is still available tural. And we are trying to realize economies of scale. Instead for development on this site. of each city having its independent policies, we are trying to Southeast of the city, work together, to find common goals, and to play a role in Southeast of the city, work together, to find common goals, and to play a role in a Greater Lyon is developing significant, important economic area with strong potentials the Mions-Corbas logistics Italy, Southern France and Spain now have greater growth platform connected to the capacity than areas in the center of Europe, which are already north-south highway and the highly developed. We are making plans to bring Lyon into the

# WHY LYON? THE BUSINESS VIEW

Lyon is a good place to do business, but is also a good place to stay in business and to expand, as has been demonstrated by a number of outside companies that have chosen the area as their European base.

Among the international enterprises and organizations that have set up shop in Greater Lyon are the U.S. company Hewlett-Packard, which is now increasing its investment in its Lyon operations; JETRO, the Japanese external trade organization; the U.S.-based Monsanto and Carrier (an airconditioning company that will create 900 jobs); and Danfoss of Denmark, which is constructing a new building and will account for 658 jobs; to mention just a few.

What brings them to the Lyon area? According to Guy Malher, a director of Merial, a joint venture formed in 1997 by Rhone-Poulenc and Merck & Co. of the United States to produce veterinary vaccines and medicines, the area's sophisticated research facilities and institutions of higher education are a major factor for a company like Merial, which works closely with them. He also cites Lyon's geographic situation "at the crossroads of Northern and Southem Europe" and its transport connections, including the TGV high-speed trains, the highway system and the international airport, as well as its pool of skilled workers.

"We mustn't forget the pleasures of life," says Mr. Malher, referring to Lyon's opera house, theaters, concerts and museums, and, of course, its reputation as one of the gastronomic capitals of the world.

Thomas Charlemont, the sales director of the U.S. company Belden Wire & Cable's office in Lyon, stresses the reasonable cost of living in Lyon. "You can live very well here, as well as in Paris," he says, "but it costs less." Lyon was also chosen by Belden for its infrastructure and transportation connections.

Guy Charveriat of Wacker, a German company whose core areas are semiconductors and materials including polymers and silicones and which has had offices in Lyon since 1991, gives top priority to Lyon's expertise in chemistry. He also point to the low cost of living and easy pace of life. "We can work calmly here," he says. "There is less traffic than in Paris, and we have good communications with our head office in Munich." The city's international school was also a plus for Wacker. "Our turnover has increased since we've been here," adds Mr. Charveriat, "and our workers are happy to be here."

# SITES FOR ALL KINDS OF BUSINESSES

Developments target both business needs and quality of life.

which stress quality of life as squares and greenery. much as business activities.

The most prestigious lo- velopment area is located to cation for the development of the east of Lyon, at the inoffice space is Part-Dieu, the tersection of highways lead- spaces are an important part business center that has been ing to Geneva. Chambery, of the development plans for built up around the TGV Grenoble, Turin, Paris, the Porte des Alpes, which will (high-speed train) station of Mediterranean and Spain. It have forests, French-style the same name over the past is next to the Lyon-Bron gardens and walking and bik-

Downtown business center a thriving shopping center that attracts some 80,000 people a day.

Part-Dien is still expanding. According to Eric Juned, sales director for development company Société d'Equipement du Rhône et de Lyon (SERL), 22,000-24,000 square meters of floor space are available for development to the north of the TGV station, and more to the south. Parcels of 11,500 square meters and 13,500 square meters are also available.

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r nvestors interested in de-meter office building will go ence of the university, with ternationale development is velopment projects in up on top of it. The center's its research labs and science already in full swing. De-Greater Lyon have a wide environment is being up- and engineering students, signed by Renzo Piano, the variety of options, all of graded with new esplanades, also makes it attractive to complex includes offices, a The Porte des Alpes de-

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Mr. Junod says that 3.5 hectares of land are currently up for sale on the site and that more will be available this housing. To enhance the additional hectares of land with development potential.

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Focus on high-tech

A new 650-space under- The science park being deground parking lot will be veloped at Porte des Alpes is scaped curve of the Rhône completed by the year 2000, at a suitable location for high-River on the northeastern

companies specializing in environmental and other scientific activities.

Landscaping and green One of Greater Lyon's pri-

With a prime location in the The already-developed site is what is called the Perracheheart of Lyon, Part-Dieu has home to the Eurexpo inter- Confluent project. This is the 500,000 square meters (5.4 national exhibition center (2 point of land in the south of million square feet) of office space, 20,000 jobs. 1,000 University of Lyon II (12,000 ence of the Rhône and Saône students), the Parc de Parilly Rivers and encompassing the spaces, a subway station and and its horse-racing track, a train) station. The plan calls for the development of economic, scientific, research, higher-learning and cultural activities, as well additional year. Porte des Alpes has 40 beauty of the riverside site, a park will be created at Gerland on the other side of the Merial, a world leader in Rhône. Already home to vaccines and veterinary many biotechnology compaproducts, is currently ex- nies, Gerland will be conpanding its production facil-nected to the subway system in 2000. The Edouard Herriot

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conference center, a cinema complex, shops, green spaces and a parking lot. In 1999, a Hilton Hotel will open, and further office space and housing are planned for the future.

On the western edge of Lyon is another science park. Techlid, currently home to 2,600 businesses, most of

main road into Lyon and to a 21st century.

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# Malone Loads Up

BASKETBALL Karl Malone, the Utah Jazz forward, said he intends to carry a handgun on road trips following a death threat last week in New Jersey.

"From now on, I'll be packing," Malone said.

Malone, who has a permit to carry a concealed weapon, told The Salt Lake Tribune that he has little

faith in security at NBA arenas.

"Not until somebody gets shot or something like that — and it's going to happen, I'm telling you are they going to do something about it." Malone said. "And I'm not going to be one of those 'uh-oh' kind of guys."

(AP)

#### 2 Shot in Pickup Game

BASKETBALL Trash talking during a pickup game escalated into gunfire, leaving a teenager dead and a man seriously injured. Alvin Person, 20, was charged with first-degree murder in the death of Jeramie Jackson, 15, after the shooting Monday in Siler City, North Carolina.

"It was a pretty physical game, and it went from bad to worse," said Doug Stuart, a police detective. "Feelings got burt, tempers flared, and the next thing you know, a guy gets an assault rifle out of his car and opens fire on 10 people."

Person started driving away.

Then, according to police reports, he stopped, got back out and fired a half dozen rounds at the crowd with an NHM-90 assault rifle.

"He thought he had just shot up toward that area," Stuart said, "He was just trying to scare them."
Jackson died Tuesday afternoon, said a hospital spokeswoman, and Charles Anthony Baylor, 20, was in good condition Wednesday. (AP)

#### Aussies Refuse to Train

CRICKET The Australian team on Wednesday threatened to boycott a match against a junior Indian team because it involved traveling by

The Australian team was scheduled to fly to Jamshedpur, about 150 kilometers (95 miles) from the eastern city of Calcutta, but a chartered flight failed to materialize. The organizers made train bookings, but the Australians refused to go by train, said Press Trust of India press agency. Another plane was chartered. (Reuters)

## **Evans Ends Wales Career**

RUGBY UNION Iquan Evans, the Wales and British Lions winger, retired from international rugby on Wednesday, Evans, 34 next week, captained Wales a record 28 times in his 71 internationals. (Reuters)

## Steels Wins in Vichy

CYCLING Tom Steels, a Belgian with the Mapei team, won the 194.5-kilometer third stage of the Paris-Nice race on Wednesday. Steels beat Andrei Tchmil in the finish in Vichy. Frank Vandenbroucke, another Mapie rider, kept the overall lead. (AFP)

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# Mourning **Throws His** Elbows, but **Bulls Shrug**

The Associated Press

The Chicago Bulls widened their lead at the top of the Eastern Conference playoff race with a victory over third-

Michael Jordan scored 39 points as the Bulls beat the Heat, 106-91, on

#### NBA ROUNDUP

Tuesday night, increasing their lead to 21/2 games over Indiana and 31/2 over

Scottie Pippen added 19 points for the host Bulls (46-16), who shot 54 percent in winning for the 12th time in 13 games. Alonzo Mourning scored 21 points for Miami, which had its 11-game road winning streak snapped.

Mourning elbowed Jordan in the head while setting a season goalth in the shind while setting a season graph, in the shind while setting a season graph in the shind season graph grap

while setting a screen early in the third quarter, but no foul was called. Mourning later elbowed Pippen while setting another screen, and Pippen threatened to punch the Miami center.

Jordan said that Mourning "can't get into my head and intimidate me. He'll have to hit me harder than that.'

Pat Riley, the Miami coach, said: "Winning would have helped us a lot more than them. I don't think they believe anyone is going to beat them when

Spurs 79, Nets 78 New Jersey dropped into a tie with Washington for the eighth playoff spot in the east by losing at the buzzer in San Antonio.

David Robinson made a lay-up as. time ran out, sending New Jersey to its sixth straight loss. The Nets have lost four of those games by three points or

Knicks 85, Magic 78 Orlando fell a half-game behind the Nets and Wizards by losing in New York.

Charlie Ward, one of the Knicks' guards, reached double figures in points and assists for the second straight game. He had 10 points and 10 assists as the Knicks completed a sweep of the teams' four-game season series and snapped a three-game losing streak that tied their longest of the season.
"I'll probably never be a superstar in

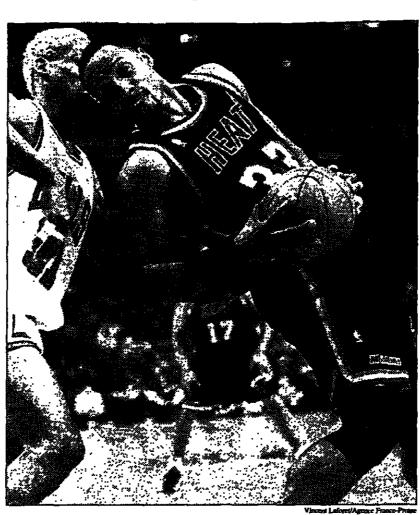
this league, might not be on the All-Star team, but one thing I can do is play hard every night and do the best I can," Ward

Wizards 93, Bucks 77 Chris Webber scored 24 points and Rod Strickland had iolnis. 11 redounds and 10 assists in Washington's victory in Milwaukee. Rockets 97, Mavericks 91 In Houston,

Clyde Drexler scored 24 points, Kevin Willis had 20 points and 12 rebounds, and Hakeem Olajuwon had 13 points and eight rebounds. Olajuwon also needed four stitches over his right eye after colliding with the Mavs' Cedric

SuperSonics 111, Raptors 93 Gary Payton scored 24 points and Dale Ellis had 18 as Seattle improved its leaguebest record to 47-15. The SuperSonics are 25-4 at the Key Arena in Seattle.

Suns 100, Nuggets 76 In Denver, Antonio McDyess scored 18 points, Jason Kidd had 17 and Phoenix handed the Nuggets their 16th straight loss.



Alonzo Mourning of the Miami Heat leaning into the Bulls' Dennis Rodman during the fourth quarter of Chicago's 106-91 victory.

# Michigan Madness: NCAA Picks 5 Schools

By Nicholas J. Cotsonika Washington Post Service

ANN ARBOR, Michigan - Now that Michigan has won the inaugural Big Ten Conference men's basketball tournament, the Wolverines are among America's hottest teams heading into the NCAA tournament this week. But they might not be the best team in their own state — or even

their own county.

Just a 10-minute drive down Packard Street is Ypsilanti, the home of Washtenaw County's other tourna-ment team, Eastern Michigan, which beat the Wolverines in Ann Arbor this season. Within two hours are the three other Michigan schools to make the NCAA's 64-team field: Western Michigan and Michigan State, both of which beat the Wolverines this seaon, and the University of Detroit beaten by the Wolverines on a last-

second shot in November. With five teams, this state is more involved in March Madness than any other. And considering that the Wolverines (24-8) beat a top-ranked Duke team in December - and all of their neighbors have beaten them or come within a second of doing so - some natives say the Final Four should be moved from San Antonio to Detroit and turned into the Final Five.

"Not quite," laughs Travis Conlan, a Michigan guard "but we do play some good basketball here. When people think about hoops, they think of North Carolina and Indiana. But we're not bad ourselves.'

So many teams from this state received tournament berths, the NCAA seems to run out of room on the bracket. In the East Region, fourth-seeded Michigan State (20-7) and 13th-seeded Eastern Michigan (20-9) will travel all the way to Hartford, Connecticut, for their first-round game on Thursday — against each other. Michigan State shared the Big Ten regular season title with Illinois; Eastern Michigan won the Mid-American Conference tournament.

Detroit of the Midwestern Collegiate Conference hasn't been to the tournament since Dick Vitale, who commentates for ESPN, was the coach in 1979. When the Titans (24-5) were selected. Vitale shout into the camera: "Hey, I'm prejudiced right now! Go Titans, baby!

Michigan basketball is the selection of Western Michigan. The Broncos (20-7), whose only other NCAA appearance came in 1976, tied Ball State for the MAC's West Division title but lost twice to the Cardinals during the season. The NCAA's selection committee chose the Broncos of Kalamazoo over the Cardinals anyway. leaving Bob Donewald, the Broncos' coach, to say he was "dumbfounded and astounded."

To get an at-large bid is the greatest compliment you can receive," he said. "But somebody was paying attention to our state this

# Nevada-Las Vegas Silences the Doubters

# After Creaky Start and Without Star, The Rebels Win WAC Trournament

By Tim Graham

AS VEGAS — The Nevada-Las egas men's basketball team pulled off the improbable Satarday when it won the Western Athletic Conference tournament championship amid numerous distractions and without

In doing so, the Runnin' Rebels earned their first trip to the NCAA tournament since 1991, the year they reached their second straight Final Four

as the defending national champions.
"They doubted me.
They doubted my staff.
They doubted my team,"
said Bill Bayno, the
Rebels coach, "And we proved them wrong.' UNLV faces Princeton

on Thursday in an East Region first-round game at Hartford Civic Center. Since their 1991 NCAA appearance, the Rebels have been dogged by

NCAA violations, player suspensions and coaching Jerry Tarkanian, who began this season with the highest winning percentage among active coaches, was forced out in 1992 after a published photo showed three of his players in a hot tub with

Richard Perry, a convicted sports fixer. Tarkanian's replacement, Rollie Massimino, failed to get the Rebels into the NCAA tournament in his two seasons. When it was discovered that he had signed a \$375,000-a-year secret contract to supplement his \$511,000 salary, it took a \$1.9 million buyout in 1994 to sever ties with Massimino. UN-LV has paid Massimino, now the coach at Cleveland State, \$377,083 annually since then and will continue to do so through September 1999.

There also were player scandals (Isaiah Rider's academic proxy misspelled his name on three papers), coaching troubles (Massimino successor Tim Grgurich bailed after seven games, and was followed by Howie Landa and Cle Edwards) and season after season of bad basketball in a vacant Thomas & Mack

All that was supposed to change this season. The Rebels, who were 22-10 last season, were picked during the pre-Some even dared to call them a top 10 team. But before the season was over, Rebel fans were booing Bayno and calling for his ouster.

Even before the school year began, the program appeared on the verge of collapsing again. A story in Sports Illustrated accused prize recruit Lamar Odom of cheating on his American College Test, leading to his controversial transfer to Rhode Island.

In September the NCAA suspended star center Keon Clark 11 games and starting power forward Kevin Simmons 14 games for accepting a fully paid, spring break trip to Orlando from a registered sports agent.

Clark, projected in the preseason as an NBA lottery draft pick, was susan INDA lonery drait pick, was suspended again last month for breaking team rules, two days after guard Corky. Ausborne quit the team over a lack of playing time. After meeting with Bayno, Clark, a 6-foot-11 senior, also left the school for good.

Clark's departure was considered the end of the season. The Rebels were 14: 12 with two regular season games left. They were in danger of not reaching the

"It just seemed like we were listless and going through the motions," UN-LV Athletic Director

Charles Cavagnaro said. "It was all the turnoil." and things weren't working. All the things that make it confusing were

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So, minus their start player, and with the postseason in doubt the Rebels banded together. and won six straight games. Behind leading scorer and lone senior starter Tyrone Nesby, who averages 15.7 points and 5.7 re-bounds a game, playmaker Mark Dickel

(5.5 assists per game), outside threat Brian Keefe and inside forces Kaspars, Kambala, Simmons and Issiah Epps, the Rebels closed their regular season with victories over Wyoming and Colorado.

'I knew from the first day of practice after we lost Keon that we were going to have a chance to do something specialbecause of the emotion, intensity," Bayno said. "The players knew where" they stood. It was focused, and we carried through with that from that day forward. The chemistry was there."

HE REBELS entered the WAC tournament without the benefit ofa first-round bye, but they had the luxury of playing on their home court. UNLV knocked off Hawaii, No. 5 Utah, Tarkanian's Fresno State and No. 20 New Mexico.

Fans stormed the court after the victories over Fresno State and New Mex-. ico. The championship win wasn't the most important victory in UNLV basketball history, but it certainly was the. most startling. Reaching the big dance during the Tarkanian Era meant beating Barbara to claim the Big West Con-

Instead of using the dominant, run and-gun style that made the program famous, the Rebels worked like dirt farmers to gain every little edge this time. The intensity paid off, especially on defense. Opponents shot 36 percent in those four WAC tournament games. "Everyone's unselfish and feeling happy for each other," said Dickel, who recorded a WAC tournament-record 12assists in the 56-51 victory over New Mexico. "Guys are talking and backing each other up. In the middle of the year it felt like you were out there by your

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# Small Victory: Flyers Draw with Devils

opened his reign as Philadelphia Flyers coach with a hard-fought tie against the New Jersey Devils.

'We were outplayed, but it's good troit, Dallas and Colorado. when you can scramble and get a tie, 'Neilson said after the 2-2 battle with the Eastern Conference leaders on

Neilson, hired to replace Wayne Cashman as head coach after Philadelphia fell 12 points behind the Devils. met with his players for a few minutes Monday and made a few minor changes at Tuesday's practice. Hours later, he had a first look at the crisis dumped in his lap. Considering the

Flyers' inconsistent play and weak de-

fense of late, he could not really complain about the result. The Devils outshot the Flyers, 35-19, getting goals from Randy McKay and Bobby Holik. But Philadelphia rallied from two one-goal deficits on goals by Chris Therien and Alexandre Daigle,

and Ron Hextall stopped a flurry of point-blank shots. It will take a lot more to catch the streaking Devils. New Jersey extended its undefeated streak to 12 games and was 12 points ahead of Philadelphia.

The Flyers have won just four of their

last 13 games, a slump that led the team PHILADELPHIA - Roger Neilson to demote Cashman. A year after their trip to the finals, they remained winless in nine games this season against the league's best teams - New Jersey, De-

The Devils allowed three goals or fewer in each of their previous 19 games,

## NHL ROUNDUP

and this one was no different. They improved to 3-0-1 against the Flyers this season using the same neutral-zone trap Neilson pioneered. The Devils scored first when McKay

slipped past the Flyers' defense, took a pass from Jason Amott and one-timed it past Hextall. Three minutes later, Chris Gratton

won a faceoff in the Devils' zone, then screened Martin Brodeur as Therien scored. two minutes into the third period when

puck slipped past.

Sunday, tied it with five minutes left.

The Devils went ahead, 2-1, less than

Daigle, whose goal gave the Flyers a 4-3 overtime victory over Pittsburgh on

twice," Neilson said. "I think that part was the best.'

Brukes 6, Red Wings 3 In Detroit, Time Taylor had a goal and two assists, and Boston scored three power-play goals to hand the Red Wings their third straight

goal and an assist in a four-goal first period as Los Angeles won in Phoenix. Jason Morgan, Ray Ferraro and Glen Murray also scored for the Kings, who won for the 13th time in 19 games. Islanders 2, Sabres 2 Jason Woolley's

power-play goal at 7:42 of the third period lifted visiting Buffalo into a tie with New York. All four goals were scored on power plays as the referee, Richard Trottiet,

issued 16, nine to the Islanders. ■ Islanders Fire Their Coach

The New York Islanders dismissed Rick Bowness as coach on Wednesday. Mike Milbury, the team's general man-Holik took Arnott's pass and slapped it on net. Hextall got his glove on it, but the team into the playoffs for the first the team into the playoffs for the first time since 1994, The Associated Press reported from Uniondale, New York

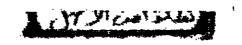
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# Bosox Open Their Vault To Sign Up Garciaparra

FORT MYERS, Florida — Nomar Garciaparra, the American League Rookie of the Year, and the Boston Red Sox agreed to a landmark \$22.25 million, five-year contract that could es-calate to \$44.25 million if the team exercises two option years.

The deal, unprecedented for a player who has been in the major leagues for little more than one season, came after six weeks of negotiations.

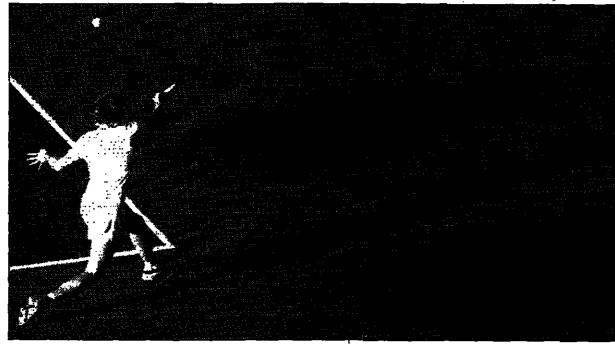
Garciaparra, who made the majorleague minimum \$150,000 last season, will receive a \$2 million signing bonus, \$600,000 in 1998, \$900,000 in 1999, \$3.3 million in 2000, \$6.85 million in 2001 and \$8.6 million in 2002. Boston has options for \$10.5 million in 2003 and \$11.5 million in 2004.

This is a very rare and talented player," said Boston's general manager, Dan Duquette. "What he's done, few people have ever done their first year in the league."

Garciaparra hit .306 with 30 homers, 98 RBIs, 122 runs and 22 steals last season, and was the manimous choice for AL Rookie of the Year. He also led the majors with 68 multihit games, 209 hits and 11 triples. His 30-game hitting streak broke Guy Curtright's AL rookie record, set in 1943.

Separately, in Dunedin, Florida, Lenny Dykstra insisted he would not be a backup for the Philadelphia Phillies. "Like I said before, the easiest thing for the Phillies would be to release me," Dykstra said Tuesday after playing 51/2 innings in a 14-3 victory over the

Toronto Blue Jays.
Dykstra, who had an angry 20-minute meeting Monday with the team's acting general manager, Ed Wade, and its manager, Terry Francona, is off to a 2-for-18 (.111) start this spring after missing 1/2 seasons because of injuries.



Steffi Graf reaching for a forehand shot in her victory over Natasha Zvereva in a tournament in California.

# Graf Steamrollers Another Opponent

By Robin Finn

New York Times Service INDIAN WELLS, California -Steffi Graf is back with a vengeance and without mercy. It is business as usual for Graf, who has not lost her touch when the time comes to dissect her oppo-

Using her forehand like a scalpel, Graf continued her reign of terror at the State Farm Evert Cup, where she has

never lost a match. Graf, the two-time champion here, turned her attention to Natasha Zvereva on Tuesday in the quarterfinals and, forcing Zvereva to relive bad memories of her 6-0, 6-0 annihilation in their 1988 French Open final, demolished her by 6-

3, 6-0.
"I'm playing better than I anticipated, but maybe I haven't had the opponents yet that maybe push me or put me under pressure," said Graf, the third

over Ai Sugiyama, 6-0, 6-1. Zvereva kept things close for the initial six games only to find berself reduced to the role of tortoise as Graf increased the pace and ran away with the match.

'After a shaky start in the first set, I really wanted to get my act together, and I did it, I went for my shots: I wasn't trying to win, 6-0, I just wanted to play a steady set," said Graf, who did both.

As far as the event's defending cham-

pion, Lindsay Davenport, can tell, this comeback version of Graf, who was out nine months following potentially career-ending knee surgery, is just as scary as the old version.

"I saw her play last night and I thought it was the old Steffi Graf; she looked unbelievable, hitting her forehands and backbands so close to the lines, just so dominant, moving really said Davenport.

She remained on a collision course to meet Graf in the semifinals following a She raced through the previous round routine 6-2, 6-2 dismissal of Ruxandra

Dragomir on Tuesday in the fourth

Davenport will face unseeded Sandra Cacic but could not resist looking ahead

to Graf. "I would love to play her," she said. 'She looks awesome again." Like Graf, top-ranked Pete Sampras

was in a mood to dominate, even if it had

to happen at the expense of his golf buddy, Todd Martin. Sampras proceeded to the third round of the Newsweek Champions Cup with a 6-1, 7-5 dismissal of Martin, who has been unable to put a dent in Sampras's

game in their last nine meetings. Sampras said Martin, with his height and his tricky ball toss, can be a trouble-

"He's 6 foot 6, and with his service motion, it's like a crane coming down on you," he said. But it was Sampras, now enjoying his 100th consecutive week at No. 1, who lowered the boom. "If I'm playing well,

TTALY Italian League officials are considering switching Serie A matches from I don't mind playing anyone," he said.

# **Bayern Fines Players** For Criticizing Coach

3 Midfielders Complain About Trapattoni

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches. Bayern Munich imposed hefty fines

Wednesday on three German international midfielders who criticized Giovanni Trapattoni, the club's coach.

The club ordered the three players — Mario Basler, Mehmet Scholl and Thomas Strunz — to pay 20,000

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Deutsche marks (\$11,000) each to charity for saying the coach's tactics were too negative after Bayern lost, 1-0, to

Schalke 04 on Sunday.
"They broke an agreement that we don't talk publicly about technique, tactics and, above all, about the coach," said Uli Hoeness, the club's manager. Franz Beckenbauer, Bayem's president, said: "There's no one better than

him. He has 100 percent backing." The criticism by the players prompted a furious outburst from Trapattoni at a news conference Tuesday. Gesticulating wildly, he said he was sick of defending

his players after poor performances.
"That outpouring of anger was justified," Beckenbauer said. "It may be that we take a radical step and play with a completely new team next year.

Bayern had shown remarkable harmony this season. Last season, the frequent internal bickering amid intense media interest earned the club the nickname "FC Hollywood."

WORLD CUP Joan Havelange, the president of world soccer's governing body, said Wednesday that he supported England's bid to stage the World Cup. Havelange, 82, met with Tony Blair, the British prime minister, for 45 minutes and then said, "It is my per-

sonal wish that the 2006 World Cup takes place in England. England is one of three countries def-

initely bidding for the 2006 World Cup finals along with Germany and South Africa.

Sunday to Saturday afternoons in 1999. The League is anxious to cash in on pay-per-view television. It is considering the format of the English Premiership, which has a lucrative contract with SkyTV, a subscription satellite.

broadcaster. Under the plan, reported by Gazzetta dello Sport on Wednesday, seven of the nine Serie A matches would be played Saturday afternoons, one on Saturday evening and one on Sunday evening.

Currently, eight games are played on Sunday afternoon and one on Sunday night, which is broadcast live. The move would be welcomed by Italy's church leaders, who have long protested the monopolization of Sundays by soccer. League officials say

they believe that moving the Serie A to Saturdays would mean a wider television audience and bigger crowds at Serie B and Serie C matches, which would still be played on Sundays.

MIGENIA Nigeria's World Cup players have turned down the government's

offer of \$6,000 each for each of the three first-round matches, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

According to the Lagos Punch, the

players wanted \$8,000 each.

ENGLAND Steve Harkness, a Liverpool defender, said Wednesday that he was considering legal action against Stan Collymore, an Aston Villa striker, to stop Collymore repeating claims that Harkness racially abused him.

The pair had called a truce after meeting face to face at the Professional Foot-

ballers Association on Sunday. But Collymore, who moved from Liverpool to Villa last summer, then appeared on a television show to discuss the dispute, which arose out of comments allegedly made by Harkness dur-ing Villa's Premier League match

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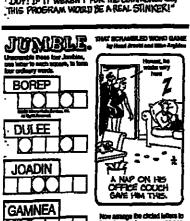
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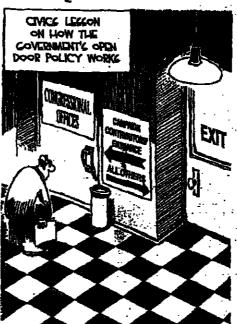
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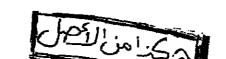


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#### L.A. Confidential' Leads Pack in U.K.

The Associated Press LONDON — "L.A. Confidential," Curtis Hanson's film noir, leads the field for the British Academy Awards with 12 nominations. The leading American Oscar "Titanic," followed closely with 10, despite earning a slew of negative reviews in the British press.

"The Full Monty" sneaked in between the two American films with 11 nominations, including best picture, Peter Cattaneo for best director and Robert Carlyle for best actor. The British Academy of Film and Television Arts also banded the low-cost hit "Mrs. Brown" eight nominations including best picture and best

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Defendant's Lawyer: This is an outrage. The plaintiff only wants money. We offered her an apology and she scorned it.

Plaintiff's Lawyer: All my client wants is her good name back and \$900,000 in small bills.

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The Book Publisher. We're willing to put out an instant book provided the plaintiff gives us more details on her sex life with prominent

figures in the government.
The TV Producer: We will give the plaintiff a full hour to be interviewed on one of the highest-rated magazine shows in America and also throw in an autographed photo of Barbara Walters.

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Vegas?
The Plaintiff's Attorney: The charges are scurrilous. My client is thinking of moving the case to Iowa where she can get an unprejudiced jury. Defendant: If the charges

were true, I would be the first to admit it. My reputation has been smeared, my name is mud and it's hard to get a date

anymore. The Judge: Oh, shut up.

# A Writer's Success Story: The Good and the Bad

By David Streitfeld Sushington Post Service

BALTIMORE, Maryland — James Alan McPherson has been talking about how being the first — and still only — black man to win a Pulitzer Prize for fiction was followed by jealousy and sniping and racial attacks from his colleagues, a divorce etched in acid, loss of faith in fiction, 20 years of silence and despair, with teaching his only refuge. The portrait be presents, without quite intending to, is of a lost soul, at last regaining

his bearings.
But now he's really lost. There's an essay relevant to this conversation back in his hotel room, but he can't find the hotel. It's around here, somewhere in the Innet Harbor, he checked in only hours ago, but the street isn't on the map and nothing looks familiar.

So the rental car swoops up and down, often on the same street as just a few minutes ago. At last, the hotel is located. McPherson dashes in to get the essay. A simple act, but he draws the attention of a security guard. Perhaps it's the sandals the writer is wearing, on this wintry day, or maybe the distracted, weary, out-of-place air he projects. McPherson will be 55 this year, but looks a decade or two older.

The real reason for the scrutiny, of course, is that McPherson is black. He is followed to the elevator, asked why he is there, sharply questioned again when he comes down from his room. This isn't the sort of attitude you expect for your \$100-plus a night.

Back in the car, McPherson is philosophical. He's been here before. "Crabcakes," his first book in 21 years, is a memoir about how he had to go to Japan to find refuge from "the burden carried by all black Americans, especially the males": "Those around us, depending on their fears or on their perversities, or even on their passing moods of the day, have the capacity to distort our most basic of human gestures into something incomprehensible in human terms. "I've learned enough not to get

riled," he says. "At least they didn't arrest me for bad driving." When a writer of fiction calls it quits, he often leaves a clue in the work itself. The final story in "Elbow Room," which dates from 1977 but was until this year McPherson's latest book, is about a feliow who can no longer make sense of the interracial marriage of two friends. He loses, in fact, his belief in narrative:

"The old stories were still being told, but their tellers seemed to lack confidence in them. Words seemed to have become detached from emotion and no longer flowed on the rhythm of passion. Even the great myths floated apart from their rituals. Cynical salesman hawked them as folklore. There was no more bite in humor. And language, mother language, was being whored by her best sons to suit the appetites of wealthy patrons."

This is the first explanation McPherson offers for why he stopped writing. "The language I used for those short stories is dead. I noticed this back in the '70s. The language of civic discourse is gone. When was the last time you heard a speech that inspired you? Now everyone talks in sound bites."

Even when he published his two books of stories, he didn't think of himself as a writer. "I did it for fun. whether "Hue and Cry," his 1969 collection, and "Elbow Room" are

in print. That's a second explanation for his silence, and now he offers a third. The roots of this one go back to 1975, when McPherson, then teaching at Morgan State Uni-versity, was offered a position at the University of Washington in the University of Washington in the Dept. calls him 'The Spook Who around here is getting too much Seattle. He turned it down. "I Sits by the Door' because he locks thought I'd be too happy there," he told the novelist Charles Johnson, never sits with other teachers." who accepted the post instead. "A writer needs to suffer.

Room," another collection that ex- protracted and expensive custody more awards." McPherson went instead to the

After 21 years, James Alan McPherson has published another book.

University of Virginia, where he plored the borderline between white got his wish. The stories in "Hue and black America — a place where got his wish. The stories in "Hue and black America — a place where and Cry" were about the hunger for McPherson himself, who was marcommunity and the blurring of the ried to a white woman, was now color line; the writer said at the time living. Ralph Ellison, the senior fighe was trying to keep the whiteness ure of Black Lit, said "the title story or blackness of his characters "far alone reveals more about the spirin the background, where these itual condition of Americans during When it stops being fun, when it becomes a business ..." He trails in the tight society of Charlottes-off. He says he doesn't even notice off. He says he doesn't even notice of the says he do

could not fit in. "Jim's a funny son. He's never to meet his wife, but I'm the only person here he'll hang around with," wrote one of his students, Breece Pancake, in a June 1977 Sits by the Door' because he locks attention!" he remembers one of

The next year, it won a Pulitzer - something that short stories do invited me to his house or asked me rarely, unless they sum up an elderly writer's career. McPherson was also, at 35, much younger than the majority of the previous winners. It didn't help that McPherson

his colleagues sneering in a remark

Pancake, his most promising student killed himself. A \$192,000 MacArthur "genius" grant was another stick his foes could use against him; he asked, in vain, for the award to be kept secret. By 1981, when McPherson went to teach in the Iowa Writers' Work. shop, he was barely functioning.

The emotions and the ugliness of it steamfollered him," says the novelist Bob Shacochis. "When he arrived in lowa, he could harely stand upright." On one of his first nights, McPherson went to Shacochis's house for dinner. After a few minutes, he excused himselfthrough dinner, past dessert and

Shacochis finally went upstairs to offer all the forms of encouragement he could. "You're batting a thousand," he said, "You've won a Pulitzer Prize, gotten a Gugghenheim, a MacArthur "All that's just more reason for people to hate me," McPherson

replied.

McPherson threw himself into his teaching. One former student remembers his living room table as being buried literally two feet deep" in students stories. "He was so conscientious, he was read-

ing himself blind." The fact that Iowa City was such a white place helped his recovery. McPherson grew up in extreme poverty in Savannah, Georgia, the son of an alcoholic who eventually froze to death. He never met a white person socially until he was 21 and attending Harvard Law School. At the University of Iowa, he was surrounded by nothing else. "In Charlot be felt this great weight of racism on his shoulders, and in his heart," says Shacochis. "He was relieved that in Iowa a black

man was an exotic creature." That era is over; last year Rachel graduated from high school. never sits with other teachers."

Three months later, Atlantic-Little, Brown published "Elbow marriage exploded, leading to a dren. I can write. I don't want any





LAUGH RIOT? - Howard Stern, bad boy of talk-radio, and the actress Julia Roberts at the Blockbuster Entertainment Awards in Hollywood. She won for comedy and suspense roles, he won as "favorite newcomer."

Christie's auction in London on Wednesday. Thirtyone lots of jewelry and a pair of ballet shoes went under the hammer, fetching almost three times their es-timated value. The highest price was paid for an Art Deco diamond and emerald bracelet that sold for £17,250. Christie's had estimated the piece at £5,000. A pair of ballet shoes inscribed "for The Sleeping Beauty" on the right sole went for £10,925, more than 100 times their estimate.

The film directors Roman Polanski and Gerard Arts. Polanski, 64, has directed many of the greatest stand-up routine that featured some of Kaufman's bestnes in cinema in a career spanning 40 years. His rollcall includes "Repulsion" with Catherine Deneuve, ler and a Las Vegas lounge lizard named Tony Clifton. 'Chinatown'' with Jack Nicholson and Faye Dunaway, "Death and the Maiden" with Sigourney Weaver and "Frantic" with Harrison Ford. Oury, 77, has worked mainly with French actors like the comic duo Louis de Funes and Bourvil, and Yves Montand.

Internet surfers seeking information about Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife, Sarah,

MEMENTOS of the late British ballerina Margot pictures of naked women on their screens. A hacker statement: "We are still exploring a reconciliation and particular pictures of naked women on their screens. A hacker statement: "We are still exploring a reconciliation and particular pictures of naked women on their screens. A hacker statement: "We are still exploring a reconciliation and particular pictures of naked women on their screens. A hacker statement: "We are still exploring a reconciliation and particular pictures of naked women on their screens. A hacker statement: "We are still exploring a reconciliation and particular pictures of naked women on their screens. A hacker statement: "We are still exploring a reconciliation and particular pictures of naked women on their screens. A hacker statement: "We are still exploring a reconciliation and particular pictures of naked women on their screens. A hacker statement: "We are still exploring a reconciliation and particular pictures of particular pictures pictures of particular pictures pic with addresses practically identical to that of the prime minister's official site - www.pmo.gov.il.

It's a tough life. To win the right to play one of his comedy idols. Jim Carrey had to do something rarely asked of stars with his box-office clout: audition. With such actors as Kevin Spacey, John Cusack and Nicolas Cage in the running to play the late comedian Andy Kaufman in "Man on the Moon," the director Milos Forman asked for audition tapes. Those who know about the cattle call said in the March 13 issue of known characters, including Foreign Man, the pro wrest-

The wife of Hugh Hefner, founder of Playboy magazine, filed for divorce and then changed her mind, saying it was all a misunderstanding. Kimberly Conrad Hefner, 34, who Hefner has called his "Playmate for a lifetime," filed for divorce citing irreconcilable differences. But a spokesman said they made up and "she forgot to tell the lawyer to stop." The couple on an Israeli government Web site were shocked to find who announced a trial separation Jan. 20 - said in a actor Emilio Estevez in 1994.

Courtney Love will get only a fraction of the legal fees she had demanded from a Florida county where she was charged with battery. The lead singer of the word from a don't band Hole and the widow of Nirvana's Kurt Cobain was accused of slugging two fans during a 1995 show a nounteral translation of the hard to in Orlando. The charges were thrown out and at appeals court told Orange County to pay some of her expenses. She submitted a bill for \$27,543. She act to megality the submitted and the submitted are submitted as a su cepted \$1,900. John Kennedy Jr. is showing his presidential side for the control of Mr. The editor in chief of George magazine will take over the formation policy. The editor in chief of George magazine will take over the formation policy of the formation of the chief executive of the formation of the chief executive of the formation of the chief executive of the chief executive

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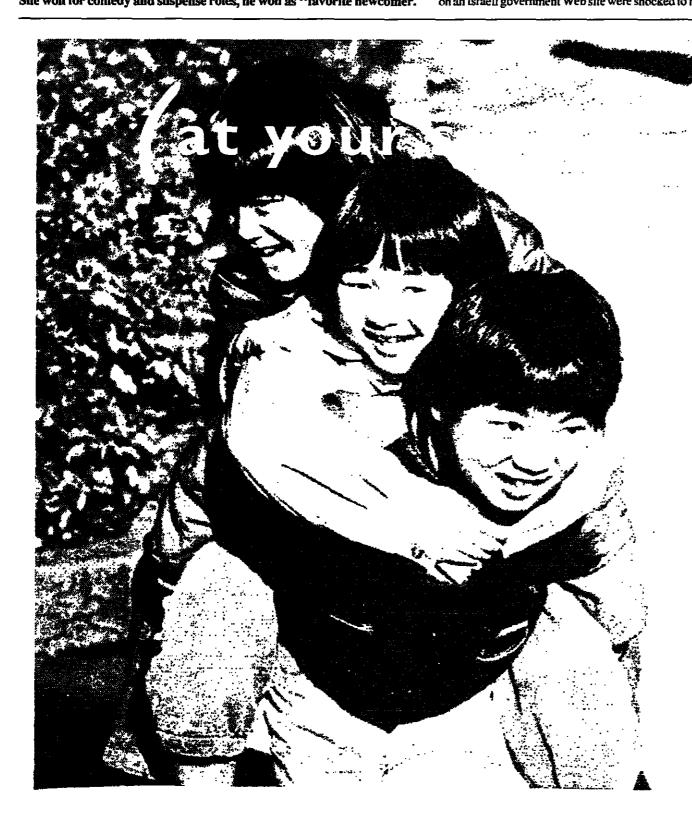
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